



**Police hold back crowding journalists and onlookers as Jani Allan leaves the High Court after her libel defeat yesterday**

**By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT**

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**Gunnell: "It was hurting but I just gritted my teeth"**



Specialist drew fire for exposing standards of care, health service appeal is told

## Doctor claims chiefs plotted to sack her

By ALISON ROBERTS

HEALTH managers plotted to remove a doctor from her post at a West Midlands hospital because she drew attention to nursing shortages, a health service appeal court was told yesterday.

Dr Helen Zeiland, former consultant haematologist at the Alexandra Hospital in Redditch, near Birmingham, was made redundant in February 1991, ostensibly because of a reduced workload that required only one blood specialist instead of the two employed by her department. But John Hendy QC, acting for Dr Zeiland, said that she had been the victim of a "cynical search for a rights knight group".

He said: "The real reason for her dismissal was that she spoke up for the maintenance



Zeiland: felt unable to practice on wards

of standards of care. In particular, she was concerned about levels of nursing staff. The appeal hearing, set up under paragraph 190 of Terms and Conditions of Service of the Hospital Medical and Dental staff, was held in

public at health department offices in south London.

The professional committee hearing evidence consists of two doctors representative of the profession, two representatives of the health secretary and the chairman.

Dr Zeiland told the hearing that she had been worried that plans to turn the hospital into a trust would worsen staffing problems and she first drew attention to her fears in January 1990. She had "incurred the wrath" of the chairman of the Broms-rove and Redditch district health authority, Dawn Price, from that moment on and became a "thorn in her side".

An internal report into staffing levels seemed to justify her fears and she sent copies to senior managers. Mr Hendy quoted one nurse's comment from the report: "Most of us feel used

and abused. I think generally there is a limit to how long we can cope."

Dr Zeiland said that she had not received a satisfactory reply to her complaints and meanwhile relations with a colleague in the haematology department became very difficult. She said: "It was all getting very sinister. My world seemed to be oscillating from Lewis Carroll to scenes from Kafka and reality I was not able to practise on the wards because I felt the nursing had just got too low."

Mr Hendy produced a letter from Mrs Price, dated November 13 1990, as evidence of secretive internal politics. The letter concluded: "I consider the district has tolerated her behaviour for long enough and, in the best interests of everyone concerned, the time has come for formal disciplinary action to

be activated." Colin Smith, deputy regional medical officer, replied with a report containing four options for the removal of Dr Zeiland. The health authority could ask her to resign with an ex gratia payment, begin disciplinary proceedings, transfer her to another hospital, or "pursue the question of Dr Zeiland's psychiatric health."

On February 21 the matter went before the West Midlands regional health authority, without Dr Zeiland's knowledge. Despite no mention of redundancy before this, a final notice of dismissal was drafted, Mr Hendy said, although it emerged that Dr Zeiland had agreed in principle to a redundancy deal some time earlier.

Mr Hendy said the manner in which Dr Zeiland found out about her dismissal was

"outrageous". A letter, opened by her secretary, informed her of her redundancy and she later found out that her contract ended at midnight that night. Technicians working in the department knew about Dr Zeiland's dismissal before she did, and secretaries had been told to deny her access to patient notes and open her post. She said: "My solicitor got me another week to see my patients and talk to my colleagues."

The committee, chaired by the deputy chief medical officer, Dr Michael Abrams, will assess the evidence presented at the two-day hearing and advise Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, whether to take further action. The health authority will claim that there was a genuine case for redundancy. The hearing continues.

## Treasury slashes budgets to pay for recession

By JILL SHERMAN  
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THE Treasury has told cabinet ministers that they may have to cut their budgets for next year well below expected levels in a draconian spending clampdown. A letter sent yesterday by Michael Portillo, Treasury chief secretary, to all spending ministers asks them to explain both how they would cope with a freeze on existing spending plans and also expenditure below that level.

The Treasury has deliberately pitted minister against minister in an attempt to get planned spending below the £245 billion total for 1993/4, to balance the effects of the recession. One minister yesterday described the task as "totally unrealistic". He said that spending departments had done their utmost to reduce plans to baseline totals, but it would be virtually impossible to bring them down further.

Mr Portillo will meet individual ministers at the end of the month to discuss options for meeting the new totals set out in his letter. These will then be put to the cabinet committee, chaired by Norman Lamont, the chancellor, who will decide how the smaller cake can be shared between the departments.

Mr Portillo's succinct letter sets out the new planning total and detailed forecasts for inflation, unemployment and other recession costs. Apart from the rising costs of unemployment benefit, the recession has resulted in lower-than-expected capital receipts when buildings and land are sold off and lower transport receipts.

Unemployment is already at 2.72 million and is expected to rise to nearer 3 million by the end of the year, against an assumed figure of 2.4 million in the social security expenditure white paper for this year and next. According to official estimates every extra 100,000 unemployed people will cost an additional £345 million in 1993/4 and an extra £360 million in 1994/5. If unemployment rises to 3 million next year this will cost the exchequer an additional £2 billion.

Although unemployment costs will be excluded from the planning totals after 1994/5, they will have to be contained within the £245 billion ceiling next year. Other demand-led benefits such as pensions and child benefit, which the government is committed to increasing in line with inflation, will have to be paid for.

Social security, which now accounts for about 30 per cent of public spending, is one of the most sensitive battle areas. Mr Lilley, the social security secretary, is believed to be considering tightening rules for invalidity benefit, which will cost more than £5.5 billion this year, and possibly taxing it. Other departments likely to be hit hard by the cutback include environment, transport, health and defence.

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Home thoughts: Britain's Phyllis Smith, left, and the offending message she wrote for Arthur Cackett, right, her butcher sponsor

## Athlete runs into trouble by greeting butcher

FROM JOHN GOODBODY  
IN BARCELONA

THE Olympic arenas are always kept clear of advertisements. No placards are permitted. Competitors are prohibited from displaying advertising slogans. Even Coca-Cola, which paid £16 million to be associated with the world's biggest sports event, may not show its name in view of spectators and television cameras.

However, when Phyllis Smith, of Britain, qualified

for last night's 400 metres final, she broke the International Olympic Committee's strict rules on advertising. She scribbled in ink on her competitor's bib the words: "Arthur Cackett hello."

Mr Cackett is the owner of Cackett's butchers (established 1904), of Coventry, Wolverhampton, and he has been giving the runner meat when she has been competing at home. "When she qualified for Barcelona, I think we gave her a nice bit of sirloin and a couple of turkey

drumsticks," he said. Mrs Smith, a member of the British team that broke the UK relay record at the world championships last year, was so grateful for the sponsorship that she felt that the least she could do was to send a greeting from the Olympic arena.

However, this was pointed out to the International Olympic Committee. Joan Allison, the British team manager, told the athlete not to repeat the offence in the final. However, Mrs Smith

wore the slogan, and finished last in the final. An official said: "Strictly speaking, this was against the rules. Athletes are not allowed to advertise their sponsors in the Games. We might send an official to talk to Mr Cackett. However, it is more likely we will speak to the athlete about defacing her uniform."

Mr Cackett said: "I know she did mention my name when she was being interviewed, but I did not know she had written anything on her vest. I do not really see

how the Olympics people could say it was a bad thing because it is only a small firm. None of this was done to try to increase trade. It has not affected our business."

Mr Cackett said that had he known that his sponsorship would upset the IOC, he would not have risked a lawsuit from it. "I think they have a bit more clout than we do," he said.

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## Two missing as storm sinks yacht

By KERRY GILL

A MAN was rescued from the North Sea yesterday, having spent 30 hours in a tiny dingy after his parents' yacht sank in a gale.

Stuart Ogston, 27, told rescuers that he had tried to save his parents when their yacht, *Drummer of Horner*, suddenly foundered close to the Piper Bravo oil platform, 100 miles east of Aberdeen. Rescue services were continuing their search last night for his parents, Ian and Elizabeth Ogston, but hopes of finding them alive are fading.

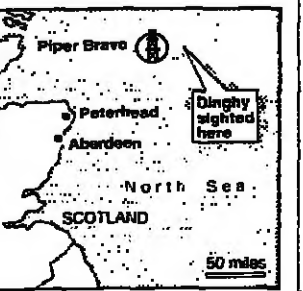
The family was returning from the Norwegian port of Stavanger to Fraserburgh, Grampian, having competed in the annual Banff to Stavanger yacht race last month. The 32ft yacht is believed to have been hit and sunk by high waves. Earlier, the yacht had developed electrical problems and Stuart Ogston had flown to Stavanger to help to sort them out before joining his parents for the return trip.

The alert was raised early on Tuesday when a North Sea rig heard a Mayday call by a female voice. There were three Mayday calls in quick

succession followed by silence. Aberdeen coastguards said that Mrs Ogston had been giving them position reports earlier.

Hopes of finding the crew were fading until yesterday afternoon, when a Sea King helicopter scrambled from RAF Lossiemouth spotted the orange dinghy between the Brae and Piper fields. Mr Ogston had survived the night in spite of 15ft waves in the area.

After being winched on board the Sea King he was found to be in good physical condition, though suffering from shock. He told his rescuers that he had tried to throw a lifejacket to his parents but they had been unable to reach the raft.



## Sting in tail for boozy bee

By MICHAEL HORNSBY  
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HONEYBEES that quaff fermented nectar are prone to flying accidents, die younger and are often turned away by return to the hive, according to an Australian entomologist.

Bees living in tropical areas face the worst problems because high summer temperatures cause the sugar in the nectar of flowering plants to ferment within the blossoms. Errol Hassan, of Queensland University, Brisbane, claims. Foraging bees drink the nectar and bring it back to the hive as a food supply for the rest of the colony.

Tipsy bees lose their sense of direction and may fly past the hive entrance, according to Mr Hassan's research, reported today in *New Scientist* magazine. Although the drunken bees are marked with a "recognition pheromone", their behaviour is so erratic that guard bees, acting as "bouncers", often refuse to readmit them to the colony.

## Gould challenges Maastricht policy

By PHILIP WEBSTER  
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A WARNING of the difficulties facing John Smith in his attempt to bind Labour together over Europe was delivered yesterday as Bryan Gould called on the party leadership to oppose the Maastricht accord.

Mr Smith's only rival in the Labour leadership contest also challenged the front bench's cautious line on the economy by effectively calling for a devaluation of the pound. In an interview on the *Target* programme on Sky News Labour's national heritage spokesman disclosed that he would be pressing the shadow cabinet to oppose the Maastricht bill.

Opposition would mean Labour lining up with the Tory Euro-sceptics in an alliance that could well scupper the treaty. It seems certain, however, that Mr Smith, an enthusiastic pro-European, will ask the shadow cabinet to adopt the same approach to Maastricht as that proposed by Neil Kinnock. It is likely to abstain on the bill's general principles while opposing procedural moves to push it through quickly. Mr Smith,

like Mr Kinnock, believes that if the party were to sink the treaty it would harm its prospects domestically and in the 1994 European elections. Mr Gould's intervention was not being treated by leadership sources yesterday as a breach of collective shadow cabinet responsibility, because Mr Smith's new team has yet to have its first discussion on the issue.

Mr Gould suggested yesterday that only 5 per cent of MPs were familiar with the terms of the Maastricht treaty. When MPs realised that it committed Britain to a central bank independent of political influence, that it enshrined price stability as the overriding purpose of policy, and that the convergence criteria would cause Britain to cut £15 billion from public spending he did not see how they could endorse it.

On the pound Mr Gould said: "Of course we need a lower parity. I do not mind whether we achieve devaluation by saying simply that £2.95 against the mark is too high or whether we say it ought to be allowed to float."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## British test pilot dies in Himalayas

A British test pilot has died of suspected altitude sickness while searching for clues to the cause of last week's Thai Airways Airbus crash in the Himalayas, in which 113 people died. Gordon Corps, 62, the deputy flight safety director of Airbus Industrie, collapsed after an arduous climb to the crash site at 11,500ft. He died while being taken back to the base camp.

Altitude sickness, which normally occurs above 14,000ft, is caused by a change in the amount of oxygen entering the bloodstream. It can result in acute breathlessness and a build-up of fluid in the brain or heart. Mr Corps, who lived in Toulouse, France, was the Civil Aviation Authority's chief test pilot for 1980-2, testing such aircraft as Concorde, the Vickers VC10, the BAC1-11 and the McDonnell Douglas DC8 and DC10.

He was one of three Airbus experts who had flown to Nepal to help crash investigators trying to piece together the last moments of the flight of the A-310 twin-engine jet.

## Law change rejected

The Home Office said yesterday that no changes are planned in the law on sentencing juvenile offenders in spite of criticism by MPs and an Old Bailey judge on Tuesday over the case of a 13-year-old boy who could not be jailed after being convicted of kidnap and torture. A Home Office spokesman said that the law would be kept under review by ministers. He said that of the 63,909 cases recorded in England and Wales in 1990 of violence against people, sexual offences and robbery with violence, only 432 involved offenders under the age of 14. This represented 0.68 per cent of the total. The spokesman added that community penalties should not be regarded as a soft option and they offered hope for reform which a prison sentence might not achieve.

## Hume queries delays

Cardinal Basil Hume in a letter to *The Times* today calls for an official explanation for delays in trying three Surrey police officers accused of perverting the course of justice in the Guildford four case. The delay led Sir John May, the former Court of Appeal judge, to announce last week that he is closing his enquiry into the convictions of the Guildford and Woolwich bombing cases without further public hearings. The Guildford four were released in October 1989 and the three officers were charged in November 1990. In June 1991 a magistrate at Bow Street threw out their prosecution on the ground that a fair trial had been jeopardised. In January this year the magistrate's decision was overturned. The prosecution of the case is now expected in April next year. Letters, page 11

## Travellers' party alert

Police in three counties are today preparing to head off a convoy of new age travellers believed to be heading towards Hampshire for an illegal festival this weekend. Handbills circulating in towns along the south coast indicate that Bramshot Common near Liphook, Hampshire, could be the venue for the second year running. Last August hundreds of people staged a party on the land. Officers in Surrey and East Sussex have held meetings with their colleagues in Hampshire to co-ordinate a plan to deal with the travellers.

## Baby deaths meeting

Cardiologists from Guy's Hospital in London yesterday met the parents of one of two babies who died in an infected children's unit there. The meeting, to explain the circumstances of the deaths, was arranged after accusations that the hospital had failed to inform the families of their children's conditions. Kane Elmore and Dean Burn were in an intensive care unit at the hospital after heart surgery when they became infected with the rare bacterium *klebsiella* and died. Nine other children have become infected and the intensive care unit has been closed. Cardiologists met Kane's parents yesterday and will meet Dean's parents tomorrow. The hospital said that the parents knew that their children were seriously ill and *klebsiella* was not the main cause of the deaths.

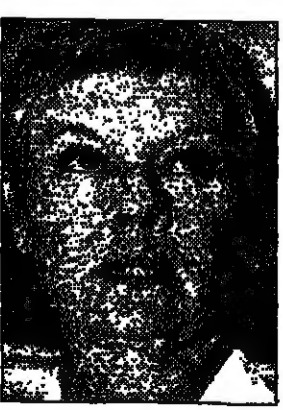
## Birds stolen from zoo

A pair of rare macaws that had produced eggs for the first time in eight years have been stolen from London Zoo. Keepers found the padlock to the birds' cage broken and the two brightly coloured *Hyacinthine macaws* — Gus and Betsy — and their two eggs missing. Police later found the birds' nesting box and a pair of bolt cutters in nearby Regent's Park. The zoo believes that the birds, which are listed as an endangered species, were stolen to order. Collectors will pay £15,000 or more for a pair. The *Hyacinthine macaws* are the largest members of the parrot family, measuring 3ft from bill to tail, and cannot be sold in Britain without a licence. Dr Jo Gippe, chief executive of the zoo, said: "That these people took not only very rare birds but their precious eggs as well is doubly despicable."

## College fund attacked

A new funding method for higher education may commit institutions to a damaging cycle of under-funded expansion, university lecturers said yesterday. Under the system, unveiled yesterday by the Higher Education Funding Council for England, 142 universities and colleges will compete for teaching funds on a "core plus margin" basis from next year. The core will be the previous year's funds, adjusted for inflation but reduced by a percentage dependent upon efficiency, while the margin will be distributed to reflect unit costs and expansion. Graeme Davies, the council chief executive, said this would promote growth in student numbers, cost-effectiveness and quality. The Association of University Teachers said the funding council was failing to champion academic quality.

## Dench returns to RSC



Dame Judi Dench, left, is to return to the Royal Shakespeare Company for the first time in eight years to take the lead in the world premiere of a new Peter Shaffer play, *The Cap of Darkness*, which opens in The Pit at the Barbican in December. Sir Peter Hall will direct the play, which will also star Michael Pennington, joint artistic director of the English Shakespeare Company. Dame Judi's last appearance with the RSC was in *Mother Courage* in 1984.

## Pub drinkers vow 'I do'

Almost one third of people met or had their first date with their present spouse or partner in a pub, the Brewers' Society says. One in three adults go to a pub once a week, and more than half at least once a month. In a report based on commissioned research by Mori, the society claims that more than three in five people think that pubs offer good value for money for a night out, a rating well ahead of social clubs, theatres and night clubs. More than four in five were satisfied with the choice of pubs in their area. Almost two in five of the population eat out at lunchtime according to the report, and more than half do so in pubs. Although pubs are the most popular eating place at lunchtime, more than twice as many customers visit them in the evenings.



The leader, the flatmate and a pair of green underpants — how Jani Allan lost her case for libel against Channel 4

## Politics and passion glimpsed through a judicial keyhole

BY ALAN HAMILTON

CONNOISSEURS of the more bizarre court hearing will reminisce long and often about the case of the keyhole, the diary and the huge white bottom.

Most sexual peccadilloes and fantasies have been aired in court 14 of the Royal Courts of Justice these past two weeks than in any sleazy nightclub or pornographic magazine. Four-letter crudities have been bandied in evidence. A woman has had her intimacies examined as though on Dr Freud's couch.

Jani Allan, a former interviewer of celebrities for the mass-circulation *Sunday Times* of Johannesburg, was suing for damages from Channel 4 because a documentary it screened last year suggested, she claimed, that she had had a sexual relationship with Eugene Terre Blanche, neo-Nazi movement leader, the AWP, whose members wear military-style uniforms with insignia bearing a remarkable resemblance to a swastika. Channel 4 denied that the film had suggested an affair, but argued that such an alle-

gation, although never made, would be justified because it was true.

Miss Allan's case largely rested on an affidavit delivered to the court from Mr Terre Blanche at his South African farm, saying that, as a married man with a daughter, he had never had any such relationship with Miss Allan. She, in turn, described him as looking like a pig in a safari suit, and claimed that he had pestered the life out of her for sexual favours. She had, she said, been briefly married to a Jewish businessman; they divorced because of her lack of interest in sex, and she had never had an affair with any other man.

Questioning turned to what constituted an affair. Miss Allan conceded a degree of "sexual foreplay" with other partners.

Channel 4 built much of its defence on bringing from Johannesburg a colourful crew of witnesses to testify that Miss Allan was a woman of easy virtue. Linda Shaw, a former flatmate of Miss Allan, told of peering through a

keyhole to see Miss Allan engaged in intercourse with Mr Terre Blanche. At least, she saw a pair of female feet astride a huge white bottom, which was about the right shape and size.

There was some debate about the field of vision through a keyhole. Charles Gray, QC, for Miss Allan, tried to have the jury look through a keyhole that he happened to have about him, but was disallowed by the judge. Linda Shaw also claimed to have seen the two having sex in a Lancia Spider sports car in a busy street; Mr Gray thought such an act by such a big man in such a small car improbable if not impossible.

Cornelius Smit, formerly Mr Terre Blanche's secretary, was wheeled on to say that he had seen the AWP leader asleep on the floor of Miss Allan's Johannesburg flat, snoring and naked but for a pair of her slacks and a pair of green underpants with holes in them. Her slacks, Mr Smit noted, were too small to encompass the leader's bottom.

Andrew Broulidakis, a London-based record producer, a witness for Miss Allan, said that he had had sex with Linda Shaw, with a tape recorder running, to discover what she would say in evidence. Miss Shaw had allegedly told him it would be great fun "to have that frigid bitch nailed for gang-banging Nazis". Dismissed by George Carman, QC, for Channel 4, as a down-market James Bond, Mr Broulidakis conceded that his tape had run out at a crucial moment.

The key to the defence case turned out not to be a witness, but a diary: it was a diary, delivered in a plain brown envelope with no covering note, to Mr Carman at the court. Mr Carman made much of it when Miss Allan was in the witness box: it contained, he said, details of her affair with Ricardo, an Italian pilot, and Mauro, an Italian gun-runner.

Miss Allan admitted that the diary was hers, but said that she had composed most of the entries while under psychiatric care, and that they had never happened. Cross-examination became bitterly sharp, and Miss Allan was reduced to tears.

"It is easy for your purpose to destroy me in this way. I am at your mercy," Miss Allan said. "We are both at the mercy of truth, Miss Allan," Mr Carman retorted.

The jury of six men and six women sat through much of the evidence in shirtsleeves, the men without ties, and for part of the hearing, the counsel without wigs. The reason was hot weather, not hot evidence.

The anthology of libel action quotations has been much enriched by the case. Miss Shaw, the keyhole witness, is said to have told the down-market James Bond: "I never trust a man until I've f---ed him." Miss Allan is reputed to have said of Mr Terre Blanche: "He was a great lay, but a little heavy."

Allan's Channel 4 was a great case, and exceedingly light.

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Eugene Terre Blanche, the neo-Nazi leader



Jani Allan, insisted she did not have an affair

## Verdict threatens Terre Blanche

FROM MICHAEL HAMILTON IN JOHANNESBURG

PERHAPS the most serious effect of the case will be felt by Eugene Terre Blanche, the leader of the right-wing Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB). He has already lost many supporters because of allegations of drinking and womanising: to have the allegations of Jani Allan's adultery with him accepted by a British jury will speed that process.

The AWB suffered a severe blow at the time of the incident on the Paardekraal monument in 1988, when the connection between Miss Allan and Mr Terre Blanche became public. Recently the movement appeared to recover somewhat, with its leader in full cry and a membership that some commentators put at 100,000. It is bound to suffer a renewed setback now, which is no doubt why Mr Terre Blanche was so ready to discuss the colour of his underpants on nationwide television this week — he said he never wore green.

The Paardekraal monument celebrates the beginning in 1880 of the first Boer war and is virtually sacred ground to the Afrikaner nationalists. To have the movement's leader accused of dalliance on its platform was too much for some members. To have the link with Miss Allan back in the news may be too much for many more.

The Afrikaner society takes, on the surface at least, a sternly moral line. The power of the Reformed church and of its ministers is legendary. Adultery is highly disapproved of.

Miss Allan is a journalist, and journalists are not in full favour with Afrikaners. One eminent commentator said: "The fact that she was English made matters worse. Some of his followers could

have forgiven him for an affair with a *boerevrou*. The fact that she worked for what was always known as 'the poisonous English press' added to it. The fact that she was married to a Jew made it all too much to bear."

The AWB has been deserted by its most able leaders. Piet "Skiet" Rudolph, for example, left to join the Boersaat party and take up arms against the state. Kays Smit, former chief secretary, resigned in 1990.

Max Du Preez, editor of the Afrikaans weekly newspaper *Vrye Weekblad*, said of Terre Blanche: "I think he is more or less history. His people have never believed what was

said about him in the past, but if people were to believe what was said about him in court he would be finished."

Mr Terre Blanche was born on January 31, 1941, in Ventersdorp. He was a police officer in Namibia and a member of the special unit guarding the president. He left the service to farm and became active in politics, standing as a candidate for the Herstigte Nasionale Party, a hardline breakaway from the ruling National Party.

He founded the AWB in a garage in Heidelberg, south-east of Johannesburg, in 1973. At first it operated as a secret society but came to the public eye when members tarred and feathered a liberal historian, Floors van Jaars-

veld, in 1979. Members wear a khaki uniform and are frequently seen carrying guns. Their swastika-like badge is a group of three sevens joined at the foot, set in a white circle on a blood-red background. Mr Terre Blanche insists it is not Nazi-inspired but is the countersign to the three sixes that signify the beast and Antichrist in the biblical book of Revelation.

Mr Terre Blanche has been able in the past to fend off much public criticism of his personal life by denying everything and by the force of his oratory, which is significant. "He has great entertainment value," Mr Du Preez said. "But in real terms he could not get elected to anything, not even in his own home town of Ventersdorp."

## £300,000 bill for defeated journalist

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gation existed, but that if it had, it would be true.

Nick Broomfield, producer of the programme, expressed his delight at the verdict. "I was always very clear that the allegations we made in the film were absolutely essential. The affair that Terre Blanche had with Jani Allan had a massive political effect on his career. It seems to me that if one was doing a profile on Terre Blanche — which is what *The Leader* was — it was essential to mention it."

Liz Forgan, Channel 4 director of programmes, said: "We are delighted to have successfully defended this action. We devoted considerable resources to preparing the matter for trial in the hope that once Miss Allan saw the strength of the evidence, she would not pursue a course of action which was likely to be humiliating for her. Miss Allan has made several profitable visits to the libel lawyers in relation to the same allegation, and when she resolved to continue this unnecessary and squalid action, Channel 4 felt compelled to fight the case which in the end has been shown to have been based on a lie."

The "political forces" alleged by Miss Allan to be at work behind the scenes never fully came to light, but several odd events occurred outside the courtroom. Anthony Travers, a South African observer, who had attended the hearing throughout, was stabbed in a public house across the street from the court. On the third day of the trial, Miss Allan claimed to have had a death threat telephone call, if she pursued her action, as did relatives of Cornelius Smit, a defence witness flown in from Johannesburg.

But the greatest mystery was the origin of Miss Allan's personal diary, which gave detailed accounts of alleged sexual encounters. It arrived one day by motorcycle messenger, in a plain brown wrapper with no covering note, addressed to the defence counsel, George Carman QC. Not even he appeared to know who sent it.

Entertainers: Mr Carman (left) and Mr Gray

## Double act tops pantomime cast

THE end-of-term summer pantomime at court 14 had its full complement of wicked witches, evil giants, babes in the nude and a Cinderella who swore she never went to the ball, but its stars were the double-act of Carman and Gray. They are reputedly Britain's highest paid entertainers on the legal circuit, the leading libel barristers, (Alan Hamilton writes).

George Carman, QC, and Charles Gray, QC, will each have received an initial fee of about £25,000 but total costs, including junior counsel, solicitors and the flying in of witnesses, have reached more than £300,000.

George Alfred Carman, QC, Blackpool-born, is 62, a stocky 5ft 3in with iron-grey hair and a white beard. He is known as The Silver Fox. A former criminal barrister, he was by turns combative and intimate, merciless with Jani Allan in the witness box but charming to the jury.

Perhaps his most triumphant moment in the Allan case was when he produced a notebook, delivered under curious circumstances by a motor cycle messenger, and which he presented as a diary detailing Miss Allan's sexual encounters. As he read out

some explicit entries, Miss Allan had to admit it was all "deeply embarrassing".

Six feet away from the stocky northern bruiser with the impish charm sat Charles Antony St John Gray, QC, the gentlemanly southern ex-public schoolboy, Winchester and a 2:1 in PPE at Trinity, Oxford, to Mr Carman's St Joseph's College, Blackpool and Balliol, where he took a first in law.

Mr Gray, just turned 50, is about 5ft 10in with dark curly hair and spectacles. He is restrained, courteous, but with his own impressive roll-call of success.

After Mr Carman had questioned a defence witness about what might be seen through a keyhole, Mr Gray appeared in court with a keyhole of his own and invited the jury to look through it. Mr Carman successfully appealed to Mr Justice Potts that such a stunt should not be permitted.

Mr Gray used his 90-minute closing speech to attack Mr Carman's use of the diary. It had been stolen, he said, to besmirch his client's reputation, and Mr Carman was guilty of muckraking.

## Misunderstanding and comic relief

THE straitlaced *Financial Mail*, which serves the Johannesburg business community, made the suggestion public (Michael Hamilton writes). "The theory," it said in a leading article, "that the Jani Allan libel action was orchestrated by F.W. de Klerk as a means of diverting attention from his political problems is, of course, false."

That the theory might be proposed, if only in fun, gives an idea of how diverting the case has been at a time when newspapers would otherwise have been full of political storm and drang and township murder and misery.

All the papers, even the grey *Business Day* which almost never carries a photograph on its front page, have carried daily reports of the case from their London correspondents or from the SA Press Association wire. In most papers (but not *Business Day*), reports have been carried prominently on page one, with colour photographs of the plaintiff and her friends and former friends who gave evidence.



Mockery: a cartoonist's view of the case

The reports at first failed to understand the British legal system and declared: Jani Allan is suing for an undisclosed sum of damages, not recognising that in British law the damages are left to the jury's discretion. Another early report said: "The defendants will have to prove beyond reasonable doubt that Jani commit-

ted adultery with Terre Blanche." The reasonable doubt criterion is only applied in criminal cases and civil cases are determined on the balance of probabilities.

But gradually the papers got into the swing of things and we have been treated to mini-profiles of George Carman, his white hair contrasted with the bald appearance

of the judge, when African-style temperatures led the court to abandon its wigs.

There has been very little reminiscence about Miss Allan, even from the paper that employed her, the *Sunday Times* — or about the other witnesses. Coverage has been mostly confined to long (in some cases very long) reports of the hearing. The *Sunday Times* spread its reports over two pages.

Mr Terre Blanche has been much badgered for comment. At first he confined himself to a statement that showed that he, too, misunderstood what was going on in the Strand court. He indicated that Jani was telling lies, which would have meant that he was saying he did commit adultery with her.

But he finally got it right on Tuesday, and viewers of SABC's prime time news-lecture programme *Agenda* were treated to a genial denial of "the unbelievably fraudulent lies" that were told in court. He never wears green underpants, he never eats T-bone steaks, he never drinks Black Label.

Above all, he said: "Die Vader weer (God knows), I definitely do not fit into a little red sports car in Johannesburg or Sandton."

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Painter denies stealing solicitor's document as prosecution outlines tale of 'greed, opportunism and political muckraking'

## Newspaper 'put pressure on Ashdown over affair'

BY LIN JENKINS

A DOCUMENT stolen from Paddy Ashdown's solicitor was used by the *News of the World* at the height of the general election campaign to pressurise the Liberal Democrat leader and his former secretary into admitting a sexual relationship, the *Old Bailey* was told yesterday.

Peter Bate, for the prosecution, outlining what he called a story of greed, opportunism and political muckraking, said that Simon Berkowitz, 45, a painter and decorator, stole the document and hoped to make a fortune by selling it to the newspaper, while the reporter hoped he would have a sensational scoop.

Mr Berkowitz, of Hove, Sussex, denies stealing the document and £223, and denies handling the stolen document. Mr Bate said that Mr Berkowitz, who told police that he was a Conservative supporter, had discovered the document in a safe

at the offices of Bates Wells and Braithwaite in the City of London when he broke in during a weekend in January. Andrew Phillips, Mr Ashdown's solicitor, had drawn up the document in May 1990 after a discussion with Mr Ashdown about his affair with Patricia Howard.

"The intriguing question is whether the burglar knew what was in the safe, or was the discovery of the Paddy Ashdown document simply a stroke of good fortune?" Mr Bate said.

Mr Berkowitz had told the police that he had "thought honestly about the ethics of what he was doing and whether he should just send the document to Mr Ashdown. But he wondered if Mr Ashdown would do that to him if the roles were reversed. Ethics, said Mr Bate, did not appear to have troubled Mr Berkowitz, for long, because within hours of stealing the document he

was in contact with the *News of the World*.

A meeting was arranged at Victoria Station booking office with a reporter. "Over the next few weeks Mr Berkowitz waited, perhaps in suspense, while the *News of the World* attempted to hold Mr Ashdown and Mrs Howard to ransom. The idea was to pressurise them into admitting the affair they had had so many years ago."

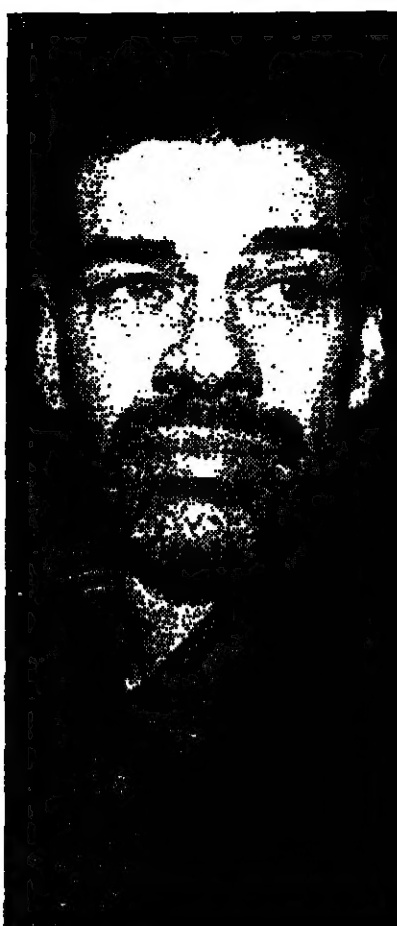
Mr Berkowitz, who increased his demand for the document from £5,000 to £30,000, threatened to go to another newspaper when events proceeded slowly. Mrs Howard was traced. When she was approached a third time she slammed the door in anger.

Mr Bate said: "Then came a bombshell as far as Mr Berkowitz and the reporter were concerned." An order was served on the newspaper to return all copies of the document to the solicitor.

Mr Ashdown, aware of circulating rumours, held a press conference to confirm the affair.

Mr Bate told the jury: "You may think this delves into the seedier side of chequebook, so-called investigative journalism." He asked the jury not to let the current debate on press behaviour influence its judgment. "You may recall the private life of David Mellor has received considerable publicity recently. Some of you may sympathise with the politicians who are subject to this intense glare of publicity and say they are only human, some of you might champion the rights of a free press ruthlessly to expose what they consider to be scandal or hypocritical conduct on behalf of public figures." Such views should be put aside and the case considered dispassionately.

The hearing continues today.



In the spotlight of publicity: Simon Berkowitz, who denies theft, Patricia Howard and Paddy Ashdown

## Which? queries worth of private health insurance

BY JEREMY LAURANCE  
HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

PRIVATE health insurance may not be worthwhile if the main motive in buying it is to get quicker treatment than on the NHS, a survey by the Consumers' Association magazine *Which?* says.

However, if a person believes the quality of food and standard of decor will speed recovery, then Bupa is worthwhile. On those measures, patients rated private hospitals much better than the NHS.

Two out of three private patients were admitted within one month of an outpatient consultation compared with one in three NHS patients, according to the survey of 3,000 *Which?* members who had hospital treatment in the past 18 months. Seven out of ten NHS patients had been admitted within three months, by which time almost all private patients had been admitted.

The advantage of going private was clearer at outpatient level, where nine out of ten private patients were seen in less than a month compared with under half of NHS patients. Even here, three out of four NHS patients were given an appointment within three months.

Avoiding waiting for treatment is the most common reason for buying private medical insurance, cited by 45 per cent of insured people in the survey. Sue Leggate, editor of *Which?*, said: "Individuals should find out how long they're expected to wait

under the NHS. They should weigh up how important waiting time is to them and whether it is worth paying for private treatment."

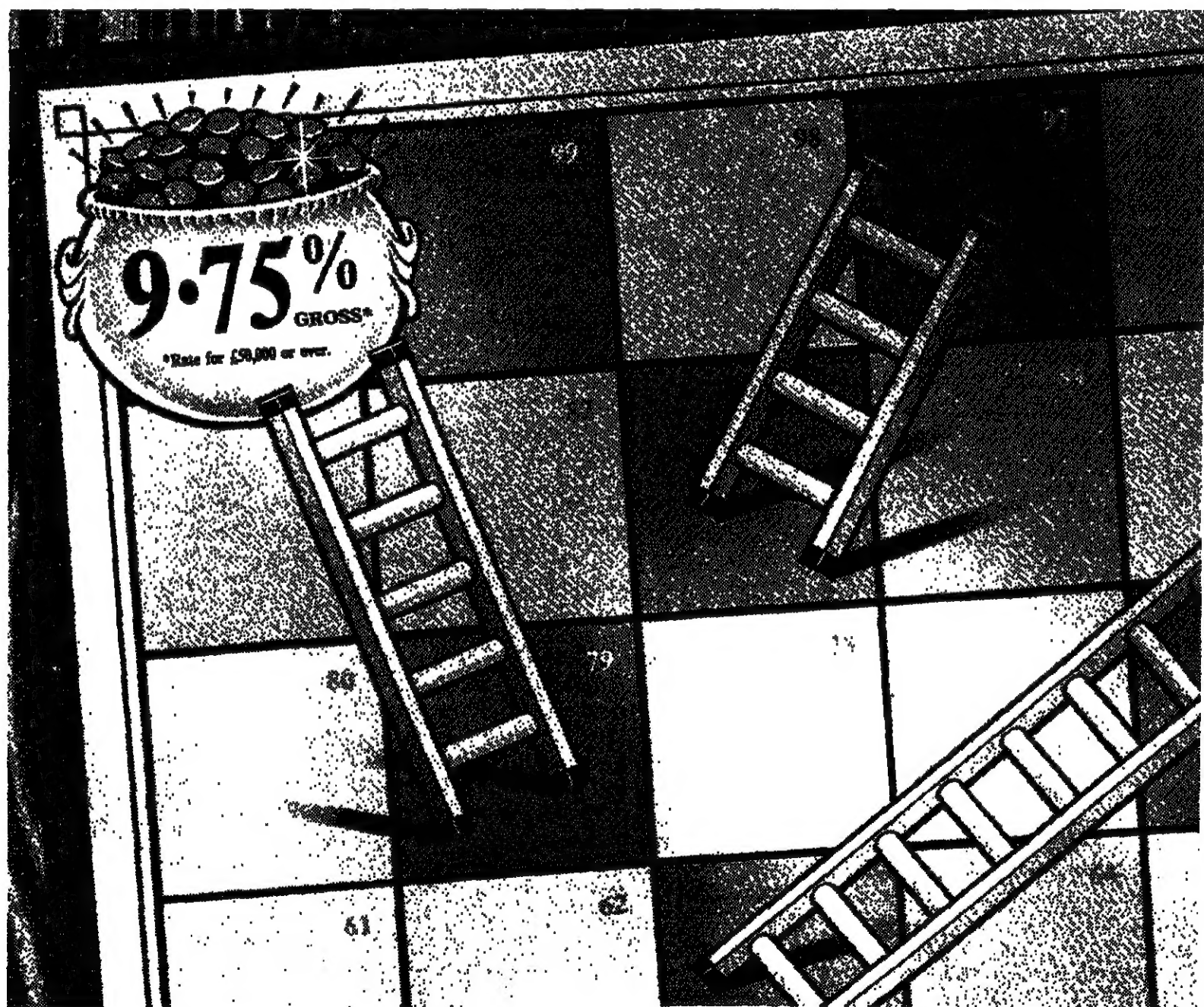
The magazine notes that NHS patients can cut their wait by shopping around for a hospital with a shorter list. Building societies use misleading advertisements and some financial companies have flouted the law in publicity, according to *Which?* (Nicholas Watt writes). Tactics include distorting statistics, burying key information in small print and omitting important information.

One investment trust highlighted selected examples of its performance for an advert. Flemings investment trusts said it had outperformed the average trust in the ten years up to last December. In fact, Flemings had done worse than average by almost 10 per cent in the three years up to last November, *Which?* says.

Supermarkets are accused of poor hygiene by the Consumers' Association, with a survey claiming that one third of the ham from big stores' delicatessen counters was contaminated with bacteria. High street butchers and delicatessens had far worse hygiene, *Which?* says.

The survey found no traces of salmonella, but 14 of 232 ham samples analysed had low levels of listeria. Supermarkets rejected the allegation, saying rigorous tests for bacteria had shown negative.

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## Conman takes car seller for £830 ride

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

CHRIS Leah was delighted when he found a buyer for his Ford Escort, and gave the man his bank account number so that a £1,500 cheque could be paid in. Within 24 hours, Mr Leah found he was not £1,500 better off but £830 the poorer, having fallen victim to a simple sting. The so-called buyer went to his National Westminster branch, used the account number to check how much was available and drained the account of £230.

He then pretended to be Mr Leah, telephoned the branch to arrange a £600 loan and withdrew that, too.

When Mr Leah checked with the bank that the £1,500 had been paid, he was told he owed £830.

"I'm a cautious person but he was convincing," Mr Leah, 41, a management consultant, of Fallowthorpe, Manchester, said. "He asked for my account number and promised to be in touch. It didn't worry me because it's no different to giving anyone a cheque with your account number on it and your signature."

NatWest is investigating and could not say if Mr Leah will have his money back and the loan written off.

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# Brutal and inhuman regime was fostered by a climate of fear

BY JEREMY LAURANCE  
HEALTH SERVICES  
CORRESPONDENT

A BRUTALISING regime at Ashworth top security hospital on Merseyside led to inhuman and degrading treatment of patients, and was fostered by a climate of fear and intimidation, a committee of enquiry has found.

Patients were beaten, taunted and provoked. They were subjected to physical bullying and demeaning practical jokes. The standard of care, the enquiry concludes, has been so low that Ashworth must be a "prime candidate" for a visit from the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

After a year-long investigation, "a vivid picture emerged of life in a brutalising, stagnant, closed institution". Patients were little valued by staff, who referred to them as "wops", "low grades" and "mess pots", phrases that were picked up and used by patients about each other.

The enquiry report, published yesterday, says the overriding impression was of "therapeutic pessimism, of lack of expectation of positive change, of a depressing acceptance that patients will stay in the institution for many years". It quotes Dr Peter Gravett, a consultant psychiatrist there for 11 years, who told the enquiry: "We have endured a repressive, intimidating anti-therapeutic culture. At times work at Ashworth hospital has been turgid, frightening, even monotonous."

The report says the psychological abuse of patients was evidently a commonplace, daily occurrence. It quotes examples given by Kate Williams, a psychologist at Ashworth. As a joke, a member of staff told a brain-damaged patient whose family lived nearby that he had run over his much-loved dog while driving to the hospital.

Another patient who had brain surgery found pictures of brains with derogatory comments in his locker, to which only staff had access.

## Beaten up for broken crockery

SOCIETY failed Geoffrey Steele at seven stages but his greatest misfortune was to fall foul of the Group 3 nursing shift on Tennyson ward at Ashworth, the inquiry report says.

The style of care provided by nurses on the shift embodied everything that was wrong with the hospital. Headed by the "strong" character of Charge Nurse Muriel Dunnigan, the staff imposed an "overstrict, rigid and punitive regime, in which heavy-handedness and overreaction to minor incidents was the norm". The nurses were "extremely unpopular, feared and disliked by patients".

Mr Steele is typical of the third of the 650 patients in Ashworth who have committed no crime and pose no danger to the public. In 1974, aged 19, he was knocked off his cycle by a car and a severe head injury left him brain-damaged. His condition deteriorated and he was admitted to Ashworth in April 1990 after burning his eyelids with a cigarette and setting fire to his hair.

Three weeks after admission, Mr Steele broke a few dishes in the kitchen while in one of his periodic trances. (He suffered from

epilepsy, which the doctors at Ashworth had failed to diagnose, an omission the report criticises.) Two nurses, Colin Sheeran and Robert Keith, seized him and escorted him to a side room for "time out". Next day he was seen with extensive bruising over his body, photographs of which appear in the report.

The report concludes that Mr Steele was "assaulted and roughly handled" by the nurses who responded in an "inhuman and degrading way" to the incident. The report says Charge Nurse Dunnigan, whom it describes as "far too strong a character to have tolerated behaviour on her ward of which she did not approve", was responsible for a regime that fostered "unprofessional behaviour" towards patients.

Some staff called him "half-brain". A nurse boasted how he had submerged a patient's head in the kitchen sink to test his breaking point. Staff often antagonised patients by banging snooker cues when they were watching television. Racism was rife, with propaganda from the extreme right British National Party prominently displayed. Homosexual patients were singled out for abuse and one was made to wear a placard with the word "homo". The report says that the medical staff appeared unwilling or unable to do anything and some tacitly condoned the abuse. Four are singled out for criticism: doctors Bell, Mogallapu, Dissanayake and Narendran.

In a letter to the enquiry, Dr Eileen Bell, supported by doctors Mogallapu and Dissanayake, said that the nurses worked under great strain and "some react with jocularly, not always in good taste, but surprisingly well tolerated by patients, many of whom enjoy a joke even when against themselves." The report criticises her for being "therapeutically pessimistic, judgmental and lacking in a basic understanding of the patient's view of the world". It says her colleagues' readiness to adopt her attitude does little credit to their profession.

The report criticises Dr George Sylvester, the medical director, for failing to give evidence, calling him the invisible man of the enquiry. He has been removed from his post but will continue as a consultant at the hospital.

The enquiry studied the cases of four patients and concludes there was failure upon failure to care for them properly. It says Sean Walton, who was admitted to the hospital in 1983, aged 15, died suddenly and unexpectedly after being held unjustifiably in seclusion overnight in March 1988. Geoffrey Steele was physically abused and maltreated on admission in April/May 1990.

Gillian Darnell consistently alleged sexual assaults by a

male nurse in the mid-1980s. The enquiry was unable to resolve the issue, but says the accusations are not dismissible. It says the failure of the nurse accused of assault to give evidence to the enquiry was little short of disgraceful. Gary Harrington, the fourth case, "predictably and preventably" hanged himself in his room in May 1990.

Among 90 recommendations, the report says the Special Hospitals Service Authority should develop a strategy to end the "culture of denigration and devaluing of patients" at Ashworth. A strategy should also be developed to reduce the use of physical restraint and to phase out the practice of placing patients in seclusion. A patients' advocacy service should be established immediately to ensure patients are not intimidated into keeping silent when they have a complaint, and a date should be set for the ending of degrading sleeping out.

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Virginia Bottomley at the Ashworth enquiry press conference yesterday. She was deeply disturbed by the report and announced the setting-up of a task force

## Claims 'just an anti-union ploy'

BY RICHARD FORD  
HOME CORRESPONDENT

POA VIEW

ALLEGATIONS of staff brutality at the top-security hospital were not backed by hard evidence and were part of an orchestrated effort to destroy the Prison Officers' Association, its leaders claimed yesterday.

The POA leadership said the suspension of seven staff at the hospital was an example of a bad management panicking over findings that criticised their running of the Merseyside hospital.

David Evans, general secretary of the 27,000-strong union, said it would not defend unprofessional behaviour by its members. He said: "If there has been a culture of abuse at Ashworth we would very much welcome actual hard evidence which demonstrates that this is the case. What we have got in this report is a number of unsubstantiated allegations, not supported by the enquiry itself, other than the report saying there is a culture of abuse."

He criticised the suspension of seven staff, only two of whom were mentioned in the report. In a statement the

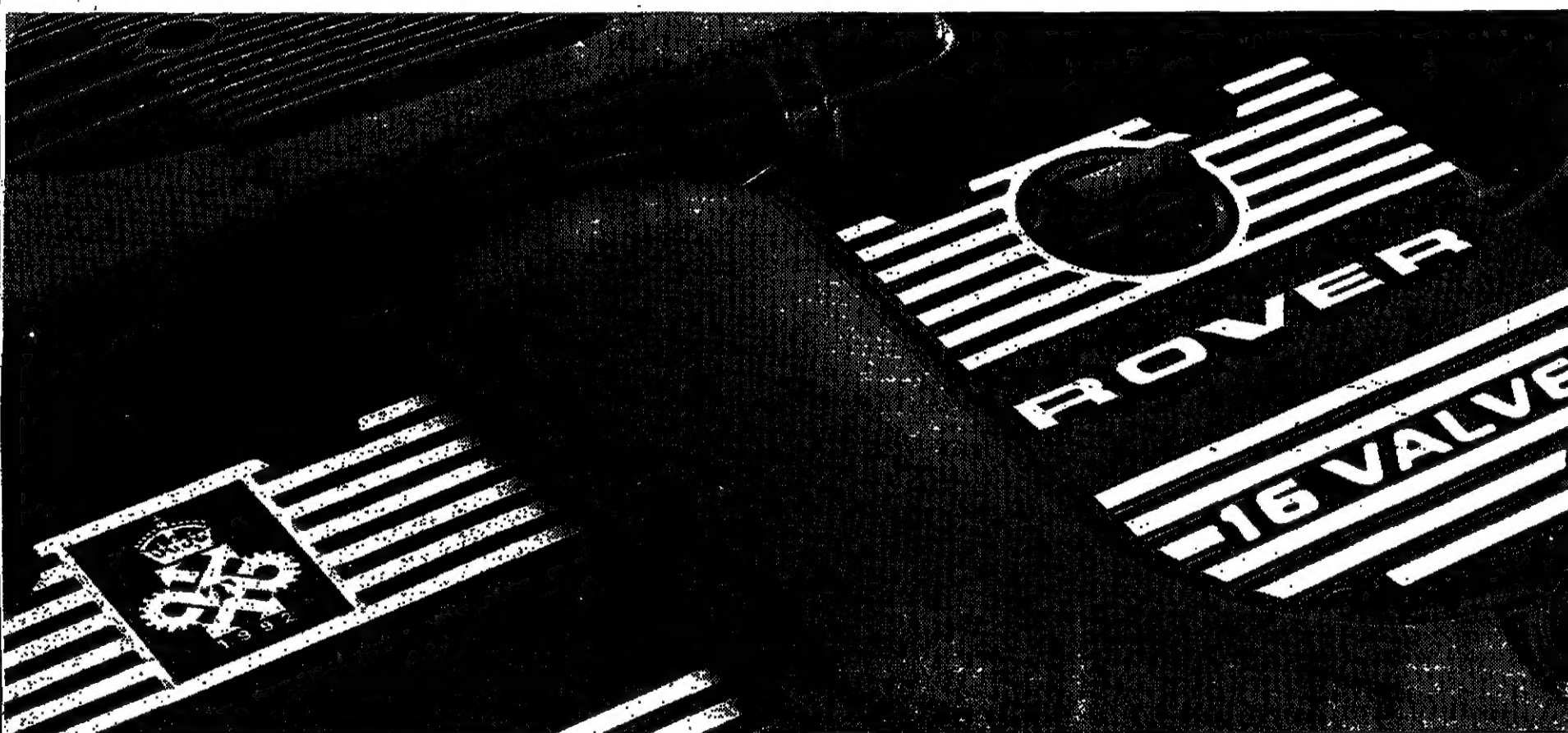
union condemned expressions such as "decade of terror" and the intemperate language of the patients' solicitor, Peter Edwards.

The findings of the report have thrown the union on the defensive once again and yesterday's press conference was organised, unusually, by a professional lobbying organisation. The statement said a media campaign had been organised by people who had a vested interest in attacking the union and yesterday officials claimed that people were seeking to destroy it by blackening its reputation.

Critics of the POA say that the power it has achieved in the prison system is a result of poor management. The Ashworth enquiry said the vacuum at the hospital had been filled by the POA, and a similar comment could be made about many prisons.

The Home Office has only recently begun to address the problem and as a result the union is under threat as the government attempts to weaken its position to change the situation.

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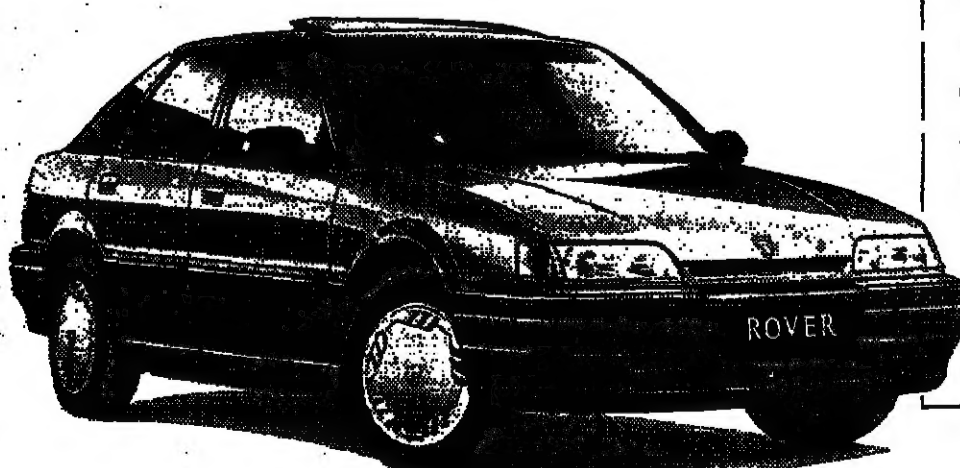
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Government departments urged to help needy families by contracting out unused stock to housing associations

## Empty houses are an affront to homeless, says charity

BRITAIN'S 764,000 empty homes are a disgrace and an affront to the country's 145,800 homeless, a housing charity has said. Such properties are also a challenge to their owners — who include private landlords, the government and large financial institutions — to get some of them occupied by needy families.

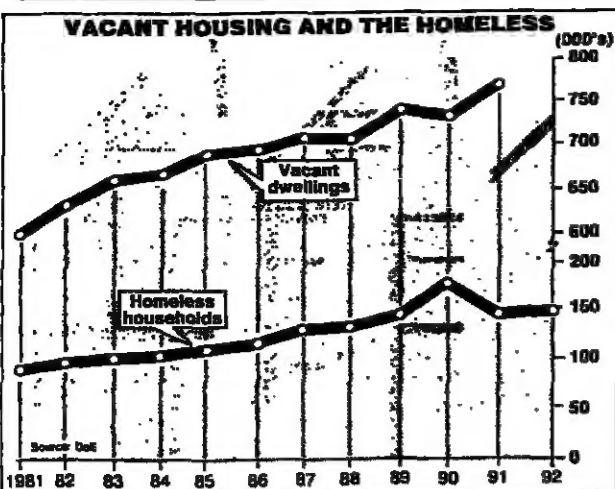
The plea comes from the Empty Homes Agency, set up in February to try to bring such empty properties into use. "These are wasted homes, wasted assets, wasted opportunities for people to live in decent conditions," Bob Lawrence, of the agency, said.

The agency's message has added urgency a week after lenders disclosed that 35,750 homeowners had been repossessed in the first six months of this year and that more than 305,000 borrowers — some of whom will end up homeless — were at least six months in arrears.

In the private sector, there are 638,000 empty homes, representing 4.2 per cent of private-sector stock; among local authorities, there are 83,000 homes empty — 2.1 per cent of stock. Among housing associations there are 16,000 empty properties (2.7 per cent) and 27,000 empty homes owned by government departments (14 per cent of stock).

Though not included in the environment depart-

Unused properties are wasted assets and wasted opportunities for people to live in decent conditions, says Rachel Kelly



ment's figures, there were at the end of June 68,490 empty properties available for temporary use. The total number of empty homes has risen over the past ten years from 600,000 in 1981 to 764,000. The number of homeless people has virtually doubled, rising from 84,087 in 1981 to 169,078 in 1990 and 145,800 last year.

There are an estimated 3,000 homeless youngsters on the streets of London alone, and the problem is worsening in other big cities. The shortfall in homes available for the homeless makes

it calls their shameful record of making use of property that is kept empty at taxpayers' expense. The worst offender is the defence ministry, which has 10,000 empty married quarters.

The environment department is trying to encourage other government departments to act. Sir George Young, the housing minister, said: "I am well placed to look at my colleagues who may have empty property and remind them that the Empty Homes Agency exists to provide a solution to some of their problems and provide them with some cash."

The most effective government department at using empty homes is the transport department, according to the Public Accounts Committee, which scrutinises government spending. The department contracts out to housing associations the management of many of the properties it owns temporarily for road building purposes. In a report on homelessness, the Public Accounts Committee said that other departments should follow its example.

Several initiatives are under way. The government launched the Flats over Shops initiative last October and £25 million has been made available over three years for housing associations. They will nominate homeless families in need of accommodation and provide



Lying empty: this building in Stillington Street, southwest London, is owned by the defence ministry and has 48 two-bedroom flats. All have been empty for three years at a cost of at least £2 million. The ministry says the flats are not surplus to requirements and that refurbishment is nearing completion (Rachel Kelly writes). According to figures compiled by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy for 1990 to 1991, the weekly cost of providing bed and breakfast in Westminster was £202 per household. The cost of keeping 48 families in bed and breakfast a year would be

£504,192. The ministry would have lost £249,600 a year in rent assuming a rent of £100 a week for the 48 flats. The flats have cost £471 a year each to manage, or £68,000 over three years, according to the ministry's own housing management account for 1989 to 1990. To this one must add the costs incurred because they have been left empty, including the community charge, which for empty property is twice the personal community charge, plus caretaking costs, insurance, boarding up, use of security firms, and vandalism. These probably exceed £2,000 per flat each year.

the money to pay their rent to landlords who release their flats over shops. Most time and energy has been aimed at owner-occupiers, where the retailer is also the free-

holder, but such schemes have been small in scale. Such schemes address only one fifth of those who own flats above shops. The main landlords to target are

institutional, such as the large pension funds, which own 80 per cent of the estimated 80,000 flats over shops. As few as 80 financial institutions own such prop-

erty. Such landlords are doubtful about the viability of using their spare space, controlling the retailer's use of the space by the terms of their freeholds.

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors has just launched a "Spare Space" project to coax landlords into allowing empty property to be used. Changes in the Budget also mean that people who wish to let rooms are no longer taxed on the income.

Next month, a government task force is to be set up with an independent chairman to help bring empty government residential properties into use, fulfilling a Tory manifesto promise.

Such measures should help to keep down the cost to the government of its empty homes. Though it is hard to put a figure on exact costs, a conservative estimate is that several hundreds of millions of pounds could be saved by such measures, especially if one calculates the cost of keeping families in bed and breakfast accommodation and of building new homes.

The cost per household of bed and breakfast accommodation is now £15,500 a year. The total cost of keeping families in bed and breakfast has risen from £34 million in 1985 to £74 million in 1990. There is also a cost in terms of family breakdown and health.

## Dole cheats caught trying to claim £34m

BY TIM JONES

EMPLOYMENT department inspectors said yesterday they had saved the taxpayer more than £34 million in their war on increasingly devious and sophisticated unemployment benefit cheats. Last year, faced with investigation, 50,000 people withdrew their benefit claims.

At the same time Gillian Shephard, the employment minister, renewed a government promise to "get tough" on claims made by transitory groups such as the New Age travellers.

Staff at employment offices are now encouraged to ask searching questions and to look for signs such as the "dirty hand syndrome", which may indicate a claimant had just popped in from

his work on a building site or garage to claim benefit.

A senior inspector said: "We have had people turning up in a works van with a ladder on the roof to claim benefit." One man who was working as a taxi driver parked his car outside a benefit office and walked in to sign on while his paying passenger waited in the back seat.

Some people who tried to defraud the system with the help of "gang master" employers received cash payments using such blatantly false names as Mickey Mouse, Ronald McDonald and Count Dracula.

Although the number of frauds is diminishing, inspectors who investigate people suspected of claiming when they are working believe they are now confronted with a hard core of mainly young men of aged between 18 and 24. These cheats have learned to deflect questions and have become experts in manipulating the system.

Last year employment service fraud teams, sometimes equipped with video cameras, conducted 230,000 investigations, resulting in 2,265 prosecutions. These included 49 employers who had invited workers to claim benefit so that they could pay low wages.

In the Count Dracula case 12 people were successfully prosecuted, including the managing director of a magazine distribution company, who was jailed for 18 months.

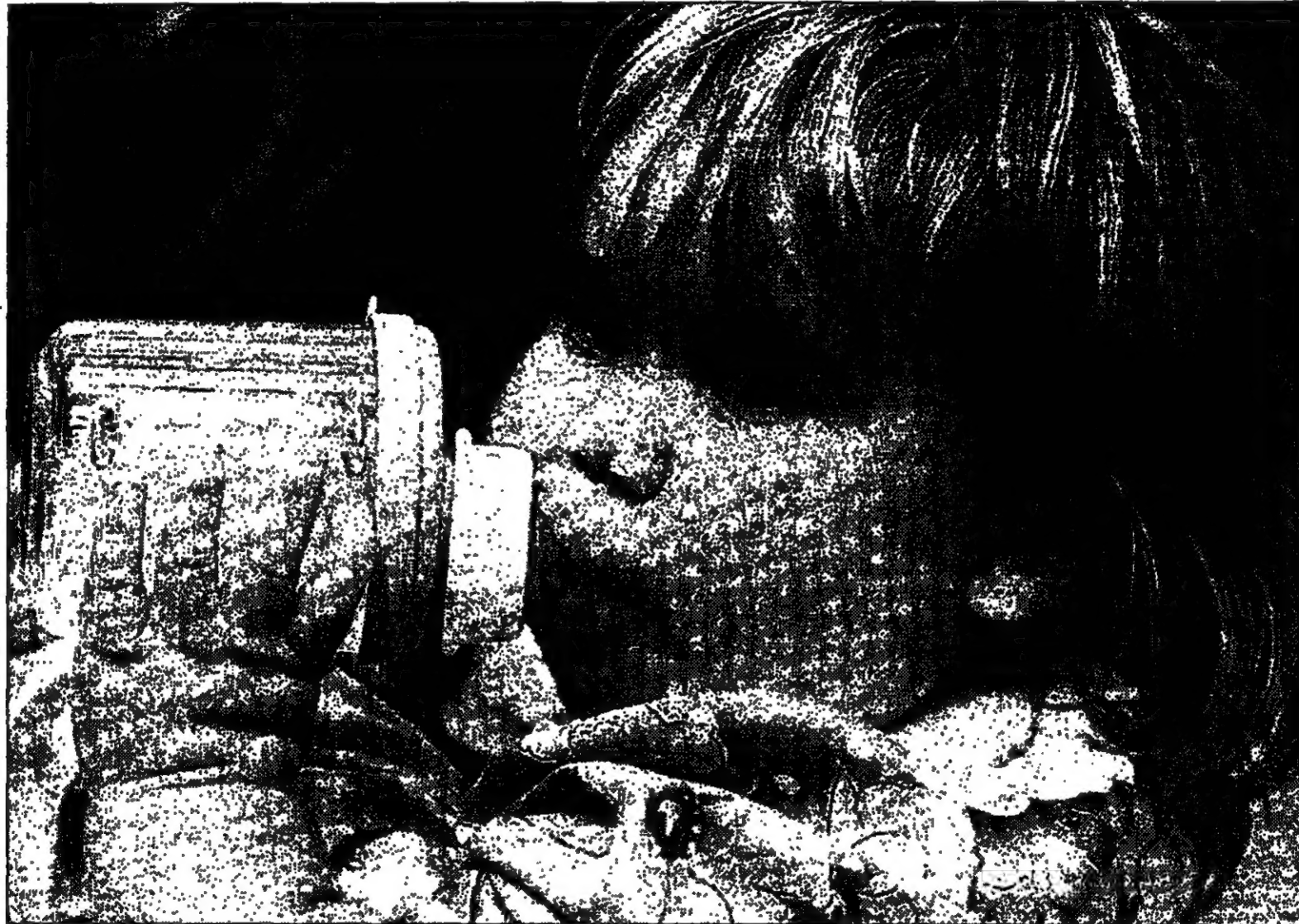
Some cheats work abroad, taking advantage of rules that say they need register only once every 13 weeks if they live more than six miles from an employment office. Others persuade friends to claim on their behalf. At Dover, an investigation into people working abroad while claiming benefit resulted in savings of more than £63,000. Many cheats are also exposed in letters and anonymous telephone calls.

Inspectors say that fraud is rife in garment sweatshops, where a series of visits resulted in 190 people withdrawing claims, saving the government £333,000.

An investigation of part-time workers in the packaging, landwork and perfume industries in the East Midlands led 303 people to sign off the dole register; a similar exercise in Doncaster saved £50,000.

In the South-East 733 people left the register, saving £670,000, and in Scotland £5.2 million was saved when 26,000 investigations resulted in more than 7,000 people withdrawing claims.

Mrs Shephard said the clampdown on wandering groups was aimed at ensuring that their claims fully met certain criteria, including availability for work and an active search for it.



Living proof: Charlotte Davey Whiting, 2, of Colchester, Britain's youngest kidney transplant patient this year, attending the launch in London yesterday of the National Kidney Research Fund's Gift of Life day. Charlotte was so ill that her mother, Nancy Davey, was given a bleep so that she could be contacted as soon

as a suitable kidney was available. Ms Davey and Charlotte were bleeped while travelling by train to London to stay with friends. Ms Davey telephoned the hospital from the train and was able to tell doctors that she was already on her way. The donor was a road accident victim aged 50 from Sheffield. Charlotte

spent three months in Great Ormond Street Hospital after her operation but is now doing well. Speaking at yesterday's launch, James Wellbeloved, director-general of the NKR, criticised those who said the organ donor card scheme had failed. He said that attacks on the scheme could lead to a drop in

the availability of kidneys. There have been calls for a compulsory scheme under which doctors could take anyone's kidneys without permission after death, unless they had positively "opted out". Mr Wellbeloved defended the donor scheme, saying it had been highly successful and had saved thousands of lives.

## Man and his machine show not such perfect harmony

A COMPUTER that has convinced some people that its thoughts are human brought its powers of persuasion to London yesterday.

PC Therapist III, a computer program that is claimed to be the cleverest in the world, was tested by an audience question and answer session during the opening of the AST Computer Olympiad at the Hyde Park hotel, central London — but its bizarre and erratic ramblings showed that the program still has some way to go.

The program, when shown at a recent competition at the Computer Museum in Boston, Massachusetts, managed to persuade five out of ten lay judges that it was a human rather than a machine mind. It answered, albeit only partially, the conundrum posed by Alan Turing, the British mathematician, who suggested a computer could be deemed to think when a human could not tell whether he or she was talking to a person or a machine.

Asked yesterday by Heinz Wolff, director of the institute of bioengineering at Brunel University, west London, whether the computer had slept well last night, it replied, somewhat schizophrenically: "At night

Computers have a long way to go to catch up with the workings of the human brain, writes Nick Nuttall

there is no such thing as an ugly woman." When asked who its father and mother were, Therapist, which looks for key words to reply and can store new words and phrases to continually update its vocabulary, took a few seconds of reflection before flashing its reply on the screen: "God could not be everywhere so he created mothers... happiness is just around the corner... why do you ask?"

Therapist, the brainchild of Joseph Weizenbaum, president of Thinking Software Inc. of Woodside, New York, has the irritating habit of answering a question with a question rather like a trained human therapist. This may be explained by Mr Weizenbaum's academic training in psychology.

Given that the program, which has a store of about 20,000 phrases, is claimed to be intelligent, the onlooker is tempted to endow it with human values such as irony,

sarcasm, pathos or wit. Asked whether Christopher Columbus was a discoverer, it eventually replied: "Try not to dwell on the past — next time use a telephone."

In spite of Therapist's ramblings, the program indicates that computers are gaining ground in the push for artificial intelligence.

About 80 delegates from around the world gathered yesterday for the start of the olympiad, where, over the next week, they will compete with their electronic protégés for medals in an event designed to test the abilities of machines against the best human players in the world.

Zia Mahmood, one of the world's leading bridge players, has offered a \$2 million bet that no program can beat him at contract bridge by the year 2000. Given the skills of Therapist, most experts accept that his bet is extremely safe.

Professor Wolff drew analogies between the computer researchers at the olympiad and the inventors of the water-powered clockwork and electro-mechanical toys of previous centuries. He said that the invention of such toys often marked the first stirrings of important technical advances with wide applications.

## Police find stolen crime squad files

BY KERRY GILL

DETECTIVES investigating the break-in at Lothian and Borders police headquarters in Edinburgh last month, in which secret documents were stolen from the Scottish Crime Squad offices, announced yesterday that almost all the papers had been recovered.

The theft has caused extreme embarrassment to the force, throwing doubts on its ability to handle security at the EC summit, to be held in Edinburgh in December. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, is due to visit Scotland today and is likely to be

aware of the implications of the raid.

Yesterday Sir William Sutherland, the chief constable, said two holdalls containing documents relating to crimes investigated by the squad had been recovered. His officers did not yet know the motive behind the theft and were no closer to catching the culprits, he said. It has been suggested that members of the Animal Liberation Front or terrorists may have been behind the break-in, but Sir William said both these possibilities had now been ruled out.

So far a reporter with Scotland on Sunday has been arrested and charged, and a Sun reporter has been detained and questioned over the affair. Both men had written stories about the break-in, and the two other people have been detained and questioned.

Sir William, who said the reporters were held on the instructions of the Procurator Fiscal, added that none of the stolen files related to security for the EC summit. He said they were recovered somewhere in Edinburgh, but declined to disclose further details.



Sutherland: "No closer to catching culprits"

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Air cadets saved on mountain

Three Air Training Corps Cadets were rescued yesterday from a 2,300ft mountain above Ullswater, Cumbria, after they collapsed from hypothermia. A young woman suffered an epileptic attack during the rescue.

The party of 28 cadets, all from squadrons in the Bristol area and aged between 16 and 19, were camping overnight on The Knot, on the High Street range of mountains, when gale-force winds blew down most of their tents. Three of the cadet leaders and 16 of the youngsters set off for assistance, but during the descent three collapsed in the intense cold and rain.

Dave Freeborn, leader of the Patterdale mountain rescue team, said: "It was fortunate that all the youngsters were well equipped for the weather or there would have been more casualties."

## Fraud hearing

A former chairman of Nottingham Forest football club was remanded on unconditional bail by the city's magistrates charged with seven fraud offences of obtaining cheques worth £255,000. Maurice Roworth, 63, of Lowdham, Nottinghamshire, is expected to be committed for trial when he reappears on September 30.

## Eagle eyes

A 24-hour guard on England's only breeding pair of golden eagles on the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds' nature reserve at Haweswater, Cumbria, has been rewarded by the first flight of their only chick.

## Letter puzzle

Christie's of London is appealing to people in Nottingham to help to explain how a piece of writing paper came to be signed by Winston Churchill, Charlie Chaplin and the Russian-born painter Marc Chagall on a Nottingham to London train in April 1962.

## Theft charge

A woman accused of stealing £138,597 from a Leonard Sheshire Home in Colwyn Bay, Cwyd, has been sent for trial by Colwyn Bay magistrates. Sheila Langston, 45, of Penmachyn, Cwyd, was remanded on unconditional bail until August 19.

## Counterfeit raid

Three men are being questioned by police after the seizure of bank notes worth £40,000 from a shop in Swansea.

## Bull shot dead

Police marksmen shot dead a raging bull that was threatening to break through a fence on to the M62 motorway at Scammonden, near Huddersfield.



French Aids trial ends

# Transfusion chief 'made a scapegoat'

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

DEFENCE lawyers yesterday pleaded for judges to acquit the former head of the French national transfusion service on charges of distributing HIV-contaminated blood, because he was only a scapegoat for his superiors. The three judges will deliver their verdict in October.

The lawyers' appeal on behalf of Dr Michel Garretta put an end to a six-week drama in the Palace of Justice which has prompted public indignation over the issue of ministerial responsibility and the apparent indifference of some senior medical officials to human life. Dr Garretta told the court last month that he was just one

link in the chain which led to haemophiliacs being given blood known to be contaminated with the Aids virus in 1985. Lawyers for the victims say the tainted blood has already infected at least 1,500 haemophiliacs in France, causing 256 deaths.

Dr Garretta, 48, admitted that he had ordered suspect stocks to be used up rather than order expensive foreign supplies. "I know today it was a mistake... but I did not know how to break the administrative rules. I didn't know how to be an outlaw," he said.

On Friday, Michèle Bernard-Requin, the prosecutor, called for the maximum four-

year sentence and a £55,000 fine against Dr Garretta on the charge of fraudulent selling, and a suspended term against Jean-Pierre Allain, the research director at the transfusion centre and now the professor of transfusion medicine at Cambridge University. She also called for suspended sentences against Jacques Roux, the former director-general of health, and Robert Neuter, the former head of the public health laboratory, who are charged with the misdemeanour of non-assistance to persons in danger.

In her summing up, Mme Bernard-Requin depicted Dr Garretta as an ambitious and callous man who thought only of protecting his job. But she acknowledged that the decision to prosecute him could be seen as scapegoating. The buck had to stop somewhere, she said. "Medicine and Aids are not on trial here. Silence and indifference are."

However, she made a barbed reference to the way the ministers at the time had pleaded ignorance of the details of the blood question. "The ministers could have done a lot and knew little," she said sarcastically. In a trial marked by emotional outbursts from the victims and their families, all four doctors maintained they were merely doing their duty and balancing the economic and medical priorities inevitable in health administration.

Few in the country have seen it that way, according to polls in the media, which have themselves mainly depicted Dr Garretta as guilty. Emotion ran highest last week when victims and their families gave harrowing evidence.

Even when the judges deliver their verdicts, the case is unlikely to end given suits brought by victims and the likelihood that the conservative opposition will use the scandal as a weapon against the Socialist government in elections next spring.

## Thieves plunder museum

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN ATHENS

POLICE said yesterday that thieves broke into a small museum displaying priceless antiquities in south-western Greece and "stole everything they could carry".

In a separate case, police said two shepherds were arrested on Tuesday while trying to sell 550 ancient items, including 500 heads of ceramic statues, dating from prehistoric to classical periods.

A police spokesman said thieves broke into a museum in the village of Alea, southwest of Athens, and stole an undetermined number of antiquities ranging from the prehistoric to classical. Alea is on the site of Tegea, the ancient capital of Arcadia.

"They stole everything they could carry. The only things they left behind were the statues. As far as we can tell, the things they stole were priceless," said the spokesman, who asked not to be named. He said experts were trying to catalogue the missing items.

An announcement issued by the police antiquities department said officers acting on a tip-off arrested two shepherds in the village of Arkhondokhori, a small town west of Athens, and charged them with trying to sell illegally unregistered antiquities.

"The archaeological and commercial worth of the items is priceless, as nearly all date to the classical period," the announcement said. It did not say where the shepherds, Vassilis Skendos, 66, and Giorgos Katsoulas, 50, found the antiquities, but the village is near Thermion, an ancient spiritual centre where a temple of Apollo is sited.

According to historical accounts, Philip V of Macedonia destroyed about 2,000 statues there when he conquered the site in 218 BC. (AP)



Making waves: six members of the Maroney family from Sydney. Pauline (left back) Michael, Suzie, Karian, Sean and Lindy (front), are hoping to become the first family to swim the English Channel from Dover to Calais later this month

### NEWS IN BRIEF

## Banks in France hit by bombs

Nice: France's state-owned utility Electricité de France and two banks were the targets of four bombings and three attempted ones on the French Riviera and in Paris early yesterday. Police said no one had claimed responsibility for the bombings, which caused no injuries.

The first explosion, of up to 140z of dynamite, damaged a branch of the Credit Lyonnais bank in central Nice, police said. The device went off at 1 am. Another bomb found at the site was defused.

Thirty minutes later a bomb blew out the windows at a branch of the Société Générale bank. A third explosion ten minutes later caused extensive damage to an Electricité de France office nearby.

In Marseille, west of Nice, two bombs were discovered and defused at about 3 am outside branch offices of the electricity company and Credit Lyonnais. Windows were also blown out at an office of the utility in Paris before dawn, police said. (AP)

## Poll date set

Paris: Campaigning for France's referendum on the Maastricht treaty on European unity will begin on September 7 and voters will cast ballots on September 20.

Danish voters rejected the treaty in June and Irish voters approved it a few weeks later. France is the last country to put it to popular vote. A poll this week showed that most of the population intended to vote "yes". (AP)

## Sex helpline

Athens: Greeks are turning to specialist agencies in Asia to solve their sex problems. In the first six months of this year there has been a 462 per cent rise in telephone calls to Hong Kong, many to astrologers and sexologists who advertise in Athenian newspapers.

Greek telecommunications said there had been 1,057,461 minutes of calls compared with 188,623 minutes last year. (AFP)

## Germans put Amerika up for sale

FROM REUTERS IN BERLIN

GERMANY put a town called Amerika out to international tender yesterday hoping its name would entice an investor to redevelop its 19th century cotton mills which were closed down last year.

An advertisement placed in the international press by the government's Treuhänder privatisation agency read:

"Future utilisation: leisure time and adventure town... minimum offer, 10 million deutschmarks (\$7 million)."

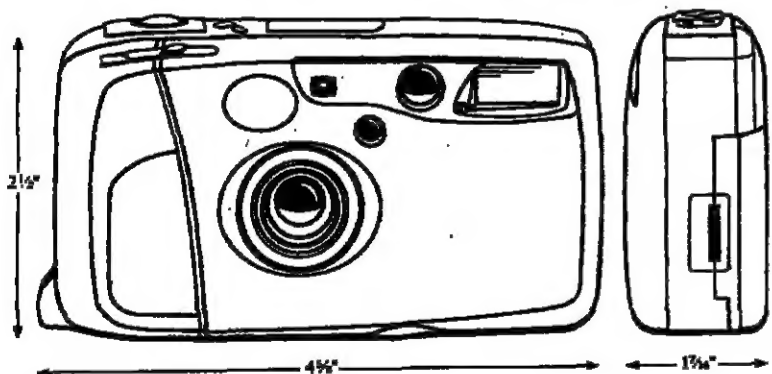
The town in eastern Germany's Saxony state got its name from workers who joked that crossing the Zwickauer Mulde river to the factory was like crossing the Atlantic to America. The mill owned workers' houses, kindergartens and other property in the town.

"We hope to find an investor who has the commitment to make something out of the town," said Hans-Georg Patze, the property agent handling the sale.

The cotton mills, which employed 1,100 last year, were built during the first years of Germany's industrial revolution. Two watermills and a factory would be preserved as museums.

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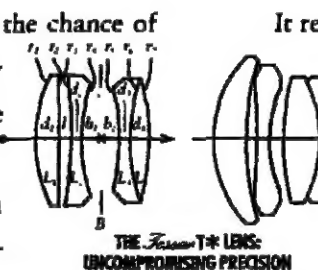
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# Rabin orders indefinite ban on settlers' new housing

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL'S new government intensified its campaign against militant Jewish settlers yesterday when the defence ministry announced an indefinite ban on all new private housing construction in the occupied territories.

The move was apparently carried out at the behest of Yitzhak Rabin, the prime minister, who also holds the defence portfolio. It appeared to block a legal loophole that the ultra-nationalist settler movement had planned to exploit in its attempt to colonise the West Bank and Gaza Strip with Jewish residents.

"Building permits have to be given by the [Israeli] civil administration and the area commander. The commander will not give these permits and it won't happen," said Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, the housing minister who began his term in office by halting plans for 6,000 government-funded houses.

Western diplomats in Jerusalem described yesterday's announcement as the most

significant action yet by Mr Rabin to halt the policies of the outgoing right-wing Likud government of Yitzhak Shamir. Mr Rabin leaves today for America, where he will meet President Bush at the weekend in Kennebunkport to discuss forthcoming peace negotiations and Israel's request for \$10 billion (£5.2 billion) in American loan guarantees. Washington has made it clear that progress on both issues is only possible if Israel's new administration is serious about halting the expansion of settlements on territory destined to become a future Palestinian homeland.

The government's latest action in the territories was likely to provoke an angry response from the country's right-wing opposition. It plans to stage its first big public protest today against Labour's policies of granting autonomy to the 1.8 million Palestinians in the occupied territories.

The rally precedes the annual Tisha B'Av fast, mourning the destruction of Jerusalem and the loss of Jewish independence in Israel 2,000 years ago, a statement by the settler movement said. "Mr Rabin's departure to the United States ironically comes just one day after Jews throughout the world commemorate the yielding of Israel's heartland to foreign domination."

The government, however, has demonstrated this week that it will not be cowed by accusations of a sell-out of Israel's interests. This was emphasised by its tough stand against Jewish ultra-nationalists in Jerusalem, who are attempting to colonise traditional Arab neighbourhoods.

The most dramatic action was taken by Moshe Shahal, the police minister, who announced on Tuesday that the previous government had acted illegally by giving two homes in the Old City's Muslim quarter to Ateret Cohanim, the largest settler group after one of its members was stabbed to death last year.

"Army and police units alone, and no others, are authorised to hold on to property after it has been confiscated," Mr Shahal told right-wing Knesset members. "The trick that your friends perpetrated is against the law." His remarks appeared to signal the end of ambitious secret plans set out by Ariel Sharon, the former housing minister, who had envisaged four large Jewish building projects in Arab east Jerusalem, which Palestinians regard as the future capital of their state.

Although Palestinian leaders have regarded Mr Rabin's declarations with suspicion, there are signs that the concrete actions he has taken to undo the policies of the previous government are beginning to have some effect on his traditional adversaries. "They told us the peace process would be a complicated game of chess," said Faisal Hussein, the most prominent Palestinian in east Jerusalem. "Shamir did not play chess, he was engaged in a round of boxing, but Rabin wants to play."

Interrogation death: A Palestinian from Anabta in the occupied West Bank died after interrogation by Israeli secret police, the fourth such death this year. Mustaf Mahmoud Barakat, 21, died in Tulkarm military prison. (Reuters)

## Honecker daughter sues TV

Sonya Honecker, the daughter of former East German leader Erich Honecker, is suing two Chilean television stations for invading her privacy, her lawyer said.

The lawyer told Chile's largest radio news network that the two television stations had besieged Sonya's house, after her mother Margot Honecker arrived in Santiago, and had overstepped all limits. Sources said the two channels were singled out for legal action after one forced Frau Honecker's driver to swerve violently on the road from the airport and another used a hydraulic arm to film inside the garden of Sonya's house.

In Berlin, the justice ministry ruled out the possibility of Herr Honecker being released from jail while there are still charges against him, including accusations that he gave shoot-to-kill orders to East German border guards.

Ronald Reagan has been told that he is not a target of the Iran-Contra arms-for-hostages criminal investigation, effectively confirming his version of events in the six-year-old scandal, his lawyer said. Chief prosecutor Lawrence Walsh said Mr Reagan was regarded only as a witness.

Sirhan Sirhan, 48, serving a life sentence for the 1968 killing in a Los Angeles hotel of presidential candidate Robert Kennedy, has been denied parole for the 14th time, officials said in California.

Country singer Dolly Parton has donated £500,000 in her native Sevier County, Tennessee, towards a special school for students at risk of dropping out, high school computer laboratories and scholarships.

Japan's news media has agreed to extend a six-month news blackout on the marriage prospects of Crown Prince Naruhito, 32, for another three months.

The funeral of New Zealand's veteran politician and former prime minister, Sir Robert Muldoon, 70, is to be held tomorrow at the Auckland town hall. A state funeral had been planned, but according to protocol one can be held only for governors-general or prime ministers who die in office.

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Chad's minister for humanitarian action, Djinné Hilby Tantein, has resigned in protest at what he called government violations of human rights, officials said in the capital, Ndjamena.

Seicho Matsumoto, 82, one of Japan's leading mystery writers, died of liver cancer at a Tokyo hospital. He won the Akutagawa Prize, the nation's most prestigious literary award, in 1952.



Protest jump: a Chinese man leaping from the roof of a two-storey detention centre in Port Hedland, Western Australia, on Tuesday to protest at moves by the Canberra government to send him and eight other boat people home. A Chinese man and a woman copied him yesterday, bringing to five the number who have jumped since being refused asylum (Our Foreign Staff writes). Four were slightly hurt and a fifth is in hospital for checks, an immigration official said.

Four more Chinese, refusing food and water, remain on the roof. They went up with the other five early on Monday and are refusing to climb down or talk to Gerry Hand, the immigration minister, until they are given refugee status. The

nine people from southern China arrived in a leaky boat off the north Australian coast in May. They have been held at Port Hedland refugee detention centre since then. They have been refused refugee status but have lodged appeals, which will take several weeks. Mr Hand had travelled from Canberra to meet them. "If you are unsuccessful in your claims, you have no basis on which to remain in the country. Demonstrations and other dramatic action cannot alter that situation," he said in a statement passed to the group, who have three times refused to meet him.

Mr Hand had some good news yesterday for eight other Chinese at the tightly guarded camp, who arrived with 48 compatriots in another boat in January. The eight were told they had been granted permanent residence. They were flown to Perth to join nine other people from their boat who were recently granted permanent residence. An immigration official said the 17 had been allowed to stay after checks on their claims of persecution if sent home.

In Peking, police have broken up a gang which tried to smuggle illegal emigrants to the United States and arrested 126 people, according to a newspaper report. More than 100 would-be emigrants paid \$29,000 (£15,000) each to the smugglers, based in Fujian province in the southeast of China, according to the *Xinhua Evening News* in Shanghai.

## Baghdad merchants riot to protest against executions

PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein's clampdown on merchants accused of profiteering as he combats deepening economic problems has backfired with unprecedented rioting in a wealthy Sunni Muslim suburb of Baghdad and terrified Iraqi traders into halting shipments of essential supplies from Jordan.

Travellers arriving in Jordan said troops opened fire on protesters earlier this week in the al-Amadiyah district of the Iraqi capital. They had been demonstrating against the execution last week of 42 merchants, many from prominent Sunni families.

"The trouble shocked the authorities because it's the first time there's been protests in a well-off suburb," said one traveller in Amman. Few details have yet emerged of the

Saddam's harsh action has backfired, writes Michael Theodorou in Nicosia

scale of the protests or of casualty figures. The families of those executed were barred from publicly mourning them. Diplomats claim that more than 500 traders have been detained since the clampdown began on July 25. The merchants insist that they are not responsible for soaring food prices which they blame on the effects of the United Nations sanctions and the fall in the value of the Iraqi dinar.

## UN team aims to halt pillage of Somali aid

FROM REUTERS IN NAIROBI

A UNITED NATIONS technical team is to fly to the Somali capital, Mogadishu, today to assess relief for people dying "like flies" in what is called the world's worst humanitarian problem.

Relief officials say two-thirds of the seven million population are at risk. "What we are seeing is the complete elimination of a nation. They are dropping like flies," said one.

The UN team will look for ways of checking the marauding gangs so that a relief

operation can begin. One scheme suggested is "food for guns", with fighters encouraged to exchange weapons for grain.

Relief workers say there are tonnes of food in Mogadishu's port, while only miles away people perish because lawlessness prevents its distribution. "Our priority must be to get the port and the roads working, not go in for costly airlifts," said one.

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## Pretoria urges talks after big ANC march

BY MICHAEL HAMM AND RAY KENNEDY

WITH the two-day general strike safely over and those people with jobs allowed to return, the African National Congress yesterday turned its attention to the next stage of its week-long campaign of mass action — the disruption of life in the white community.

Countywide, groups of black demonstrators marched into city centres to hinder traffic. The most noticeable effect was in Pretoria, where a vast crowd — estimated at up to 70,000 — watched by armed troops and police, marched behind Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, to the Union Buildings on the hill overlooking the town.

Security forces wearing riot gear and supported by armoured vehicles lined the route. In front of the graceful government offices, designed by Herbert Baker, who also built the Secretariat in Delhi, Mr Mandela made a speech declaring the general strike "unquestionably one of the greatest events in our history". He also congratulated the international community "for rallying to our cause".

Mr Mandela rode into Pretoria not on a war horse but in a big black BMW limousine, but his entry into Afrikanerdom's citadel can hardly have been less triumphant than Lord Roberts' at the end of the Boer war. Behind him the black, green and yellow ANC tricolour was hoisted directly in line with the blue, white and gold standard of South Africa. 200 yards further up the terraced slopes. Over the Union Buildings' west wing the presidential flag

fluttered, a reminder that President de Klerk and his cabinet were in session as Mr Mandela's voice boomed over the loudspeakers. "This is the end of the siege. From this massive crowd the government must accept we want peace standing on our feet, not on our knees."

After the rally, President de Klerk urged Mr Mandela to return to the negotiating table, hinting that talks between the government and the ANC could resume shortly. The president struck a conciliatory tone, and said that "certain discussions" had been taking place between the two sides over the past five days. He was prepared to resume "tomorrow" the constitutional talks broken off in June.

It was a massive show of force both by the ANC and the security forces. Tens of thousands of people descended on the city by train, bus and minibus taxi and reduced Pretoria to total gridlock as they marched the mile-long route to the rally along Church Street, its main thoroughfare. Civil servants stared in awe at a sight that Pretoria has never seen before.

In Johannesburg, 1,000 marchers blocked the lunchtime traffic as they headed, dancing and singing, for John Vorster Square police headquarters to present a memorandum. Cape Town was disrupted by a march. In Pieterburg, in the northern Transvaal, a scheduled march was halted by the police, who set up roadblocks.

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## Trial will inflame US racial tensions

New York: A white supremacist accused of killing Medgar Evers, the black civil rights leader, nearly thirty years ago is to be tried next month, reopening one of the most divisive court cases in America's troubled racial history (Ben Macintyre writes).

Evers, field secretary for the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People, was shot in the back in June 1963. Byron De La Beckwith, now 71, was tried twice for murder in 1964, but all-white juries were unable to reach a verdict. Charges against the ex-marine were dismissed in 1969.

After fresh evidence surfaced in 1990, Mr Beckwith was reindicted by a Mississippi grand jury and brought from his home in Tennessee last October. At a pre-trial hearing this week, a judge dismissed claims by his lawyers that his memory and health had so deteriorated that he could not stand trial.

If convicted, he faces a life sentence. Whatever happens, there are fears that his trial will provoke racial unrest.

## Police charged over clubbing

Los Angeles: Four white policemen, whose acquittals in the beating of black motorist Rodney King sparked the Los Angeles riots, have been charged with violating his civil rights when they hit him 56 times with batons after stopping him for speeding.

A federal grand jury indictment alleged that Officers Laurence Powell, Timothy Wind and Theodore Briseno "willfully and intentionally used unreasonable force" during Mr King's arrest. It charged Sergeant Stacey Koon with depriving Mr King of his civil rights by "permitting and failing to take action to stop the unlawful assault". (Reuters)

## Escobar denies bomb attack

Medellin: Pablo Escobar, the fugitive Colombian drug lord, has denied responsibility for a car bomb that injured seven people in Medellin.

"My brother Roberto and I publicly promised the... Colombian people that we would not carry out violent actions of any kind and that promise has not been broken," Escobar said in a taped statement sent to a radio station. An announcer read the statement, which the station said had been recorded in Escobar's own voice. Escobar said Gilberto Rodriguez Orejuela, the rival Cali cocaine cartel boss, was "the one responsible". (Reuters)

## 12 arrested

Bangkok: Four Thai policemen and eight Lao soldiers have been arrested in connection with a \$1 million robbery at Vientiane airport last week, but the ownership of the money has still not been established. (Reuters)

## Child freed

San Fernando, Philippines: Police rescued Katrina Kniffel, five, the daughter of a German businessman. The girl was found, suffering from bruises, after three days of captivity in a deserted house in Maricao town. (AFP)

## Climber found

Legaspi, Philippines: Remy Estieu, 42, a French climber missing for six days on Mayon volcano, has been found alive. He had fallen into a 200ft ravine and nearly starved to death after his food ran out. (Reuters)

## Britons held

Tokyo: Japan's coastguard detained six Greenpeace activists, including two Britons, for questioning in Yokohama after they hung a 33ft banner at the shipyard to protest over Japan's plans to transport plutonium. (Reuters)

## Rough justice

Peking: A court in the northern Hubei province has jailed a teacher, Liu Deshun, 26, for two years for forcing unruly pupils to eat cow dung. He inflicted the punishment for talking, fighting or handing in homework late. (Reuters)

## High jinks

Sydney: Traffic stopped and hundreds of people gathered in the city when a rooftop advertising screen started showing pornographic movies. Police took 90 minutes to put an end to the university student prank. (Reuters)

## British take a rewarding role in Marilyn's graveside cult

FROM WILLIAM CASH IN LOS ANGELES



Camille Terry: another Marilyn lookalike

In its tribute to mark Marilyn Monroe's death in Los Angeles 30 years ago yesterday, *The New York Times* observed that each photograph, scrap of film footage or book about the former Hollywood sex queen's life is greeted with "the sort of feeding frenzy that took place in the Middle Ages over the relics of a saint".

The anniversary was being commemorated by a ceremony at her graveside in the Westwood Memorial Park in West Los Angeles, near the apartment where her body was discovered under mysterious circumstances on August 5, 1962. The All About Marilyn fan club, which sponsored the event, had promised it would be a media circus.

The unkempt, tiny cemetery is tucked behind a cinema where, ironically, the film

now playing is *Death Becomes Her*, Meryl Streep's latest movie about an ageing blonde actress who seeks immortality with a magical drug.

Thanks to her marketing potential, Monroe, too, has secured immortality. Her licensing fees alone bring the Monroe estate \$1 million a year. The money goes to the Strasberg Institute founded by her former acting coach, Lee Strasberg, as well as a London-based training centre for child therapists.

The next two years will see 17 books devoted to the cult of Marilyn with two published yesterday, notably *The Murder of Marilyn Monroe*, written by four psychiatrists who claim first-time interviews with the spirit of the deceased Monroe, former President Kennedy, the actor Peter

Lawford and the Mafia mobster Sam Giancana.

Two British entrepreneurs have been quick to capitalise on Marilyn mania. Driving to the memorial service in his customised white Fleetwood 50 limousine was East Ender Dennis Smith, who bought the presidential-style car for £3,500 a year ago in Texas.

Having fitted it with a video recorder, blue velvet seats and a sophisticated stereo to play Monroe songs such as *Happy Birthday Mr President*, he is making a sizeable profit chauffeuring American tourists and Monroe fans on a 30-mile "Marilyn Monroe tour".

Originally from Bethnal Green, Mr Smith spent a year researching the tour which he envisaged after coming to Los Angeles and being astonished to find that there was no

Monroe tour already in existence. "I was flabbergasted. Americans are overlooking what is right under their noses. The one tour I did go on was like a cattle truck and the guides had no respect for the facts. They didn't know what they were talking about. The British have a bit more regard for the dead."

Also at yesterday's ceremony were Matthew Anderson, the British owner of Graveline Tours, described as death styles of Hollywood's rich and famous.

He gives clients a photocopy of Marilyn Monroe's death certificate at the beginning of each tour, which, at £15 a time, takes visitors to such locations as Monroe's honeymoon apartment and the restaurant at which she met her husband, the top

baseball player Joe DiMaggio, on a blind date.

"Business has suffered during the riots and the earthquakes, but Monroe's 30th anniversary has had fans coming from all over the world," Mr Anderson said. There was one man from Sweden, he said, who hired him for a whole day and after standing by her grave for more than an hour began to cry uncontrollably.

Michelle Justice, co-chair person of the All About Marilyn fan club, said she was not surprised by the fact that the only tours devoted to Hollywood's greatest legend were being run by the British. "Americans don't really care for history. In Hollywood there is no museum of the cinema, for example. I suppose you could say we are philistines."





## THE MAD AND THE BAD

The publication of a damning report on Ashworth special hospital yesterday followed Tuesday's news that the management of Strangeways prison in Manchester was being put out to tender—in effect, privatised. It is right to privatise Strangeways then surely Ashworth is ripe for privatisation too. Indeed, tendering is the next answer to the confusion which has flawed such institutions since their foundation: are they hospitals or are they prisons? It is also the most effective way of reducing the pernicious influence of the Prison Officers' Association. The POA comes out of this affair disgraced.

In theory Ashworth is called a hospital and run by the health department rather than the Home Office, as a public sign that the humane response to mental sickness among criminals is treatment not punishment. But the reality of Ashworth, as described in Sir Louis Blom-Cooper's report, could hardly be more different. It is in effect a high security prison which is run, with the connivance of weak management, by the POA.

As Sir Louis abundantly found, many Ashworth officers, technically called nurses, have conducted their duties in the most bigoted, brutal and racist manner, tacitly with POA approval. Ashworth sounds far worse than anything on the books of the Home Office prison department. Yet few of its inmates are in the Hannibal Lecter class. Most are pathetic rather than menacing. Some, deemed a threat to themselves or others, have committed no offence.

Special hospitals have become dangerously isolated from the health service mainstream, as Virginia Bottomley, health secretary, recognised yesterday. Equally they have become isolated from the prison service mainstream, where in the aftermath of the Woolf report there are hopeful signs of a more liberal and therapeutic approach to the handling of prisoners. A considerable proportion of prisoners—maybe as high as a third—suffer some diagnosable psychiatric

disorder, further undermining the distinction between a prison and a special hospital.

This distinction is as uncertain in theory as it is in practice. There are psychological flaws in many criminals and these can reduce the degree of culpability of their crimes. But there can be no excuse for crime exclusively in terms of mental disorder, eliminating all moral blame. The convicted inmates of Ashworth, and those of Strangeways, differ morally and medically only by degree. And the non-convicted inmates of Ashworth have no place in a penal institution at all, even one called a hospital.

The way hospital management is evolving in the rest of the NHS—trust hospitals trading in an internal NHS market—would make the continuation of a special hospital authority to run just Broadmoor, Ashworth and Rampton even more of an anomaly. But by its place in the criminal justice system, the special hospital authority already acts as an agency that handles prisoners who have been farmed out by the Home Office to the NHS. The prison service is itself moving towards becoming a self-regulating agency at arm's length from government. It will even be allowed to tender, as if it was a private organisation, for the Strangeways contract. It should certainly be allowed to bid for Ashworth. But so should any other interested body, commercial or otherwise.

Mrs Bottomley will find there is no easy way of expelling the incubus of the Prison Officers' Association. The Home Office has not found one after decades, hence the gradual move towards prison privatisation. Tendering may still place a prison or special hospital in the hands of a government agency, staffed by POA members, rather than a commercial company. But the very process will introduce competition and stop the POA's abuse of its monopolistic power. The worst case of that abuse must be the one described in the pages of Sir Louis Blom-Cooper's report yesterday.

## FORCE FOR HUMANITY

The catastrophe in Somalia is not sudden and unforeseeable. The regime of Siad Barre, cruel, corrupt and tribally divisive, was inexorably tolerated by the West until he fled his palace in January 1991. The aftermath has been as murderously chaotic as were Uganda or Liberia at their worst. Most aid stopped reaching Somalia after Mr Barre's overthrow, as all-out civil war ravaged the country. It has taken the world 18 months to draw up a plan, still not put into effect, for humanitarian intervention.

Armed anarchy was certain to bring famine to a land so poor and drought-prone that its people barely subsisted at the best of times. Yet the United Nations, instead of goading governments to see that relief got through, withdrew its relief personnel early in 1991 because it judged the situation too dangerous. For months thereafter, the UN stuck by the rules under which it provides emergency relief only at the invitation of a country's government—when Somalia had no recognised government and the capital, Mogadishu, was being destroyed by tribal gangs fighting for the succession.

Thanks to the international Red Cross and agencies such as Save the Children, which heroically stayed on, the increasing gravity of the humanitarian disaster has been public knowledge. But so has been the impossibility of distributing enough aid to avert widespread famine without sending in UN guards. The Red Cross now estimates that unless distribution of food aid improves dramatically, 1.5 million Somalis, nearly a quarter of the country's population, could die within a few months—far more than starved to death in the Ethiopian famine of the mid-1980s. Enough food to prevent this tragedy is either in port, or on the way to Somalia, but without armed protection it is looted before it reaches those in need.

Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, has blamed the UN security council for inaction. But the secretary-general kept

the security council waiting for weeks this summer for the plan the council had requested him to draw up. Last month, the UN sent 50 unarmed observers to Mogadishu. But that is far too small a force to have any effect, even if they are not still waiting for their transport to arrive before venturing into the streets.

The case for determined humanitarian intervention has at last been formally acknowledged. The security council has authorised a huge airlift of aid, proposed the dispatch of 500 well-armed Pakistani troops under the UN flag and said that "other measures" are not excluded to restore order and save lives.

Every day's delay compounds past errors of neglect and needlessly costs lives. General Aided controls the southern sector of Mogadishu which includes the port and airport. The UN is understandably wary of committing men to a battle for control, to which the humanitarian operation could rapidly become secondary. To send UN troops in without General Aided's promise of co-operation is risky; some may be killed.

But the word of General Aided, whose atrocities have been well documented by Amnesty International, is worth little anyway; his men have repeatedly pillaged Red Cross convoys he had promised to protect. Well-armed UN troops, backed if need be by air power, are needed to establish authority over the gangs which pass in Somalia for armies and which control no more than a few square miles each.

The humanitarian needs outweigh the risks. Airlifts alone will not prevent mass starvation and there is no alternative to Mogadishu as a centre for a hand-based relief operation. Britain has spent £15 million on relief for Somalia since Mr Barre fled, with more to come. It should now spend some political capital in persuading Dr Boutros Ghali to over-ride the warring objections and get the relief programme rolling.

## RATTLING GOOD TALE

British Rail has got it wrong. Instead of hanging its head in corporate contrition at the catalogue of ghastliness on the North Kent line or the London, Tilbury and Southend "service", it should unfurl the slogans, turn up the spotlight and exhort its captive commuters to enjoy their misery while they can.

The British like nothing so much as a really good grouse. The relatively pleasant summer so far has deprived the nation of its normal pastime, moaning about the weather. But there are always the railways. And indeed, as the figures show, this year has produced a bumper crop of complaints. Ever since the wrong sort of snow clogged the minds and the motors of British Rail, the leitmotif of every dinner party in an arc from Chislehurst to Wokingham has been the horrors of commuting.

The main interest has been in finding the worst possible service: the one with the dirtiest trains, the rudest staff, the most cancellations and the most bizarre excuses for an unexplained wait 100 yards short of the station. For some years now the Fenchurch Street to Southend line has basked at the bottom of the league. Anyone arriving on that line can be excused for turning up at any hour of the day, dishevelled, bad-tempered and ready to vandalise any train or building displaying the double arrow logo.

The Kent coast commuters, it seems, can now boast endurance of an even worse ordeal: punctuality is worse, the windows even fitter and the steam-door rolling stock is up to 40 years old, and some carriages rest on pre-war chassis. The latest twist is that trains now pause, under the new timetables, to

allow phantom trains—the Channel tunnel expresses—to pass them as BR works out its pathing timings. And just think, commuters exclaim as they cap their stories, of the impression made on tourists! The English sum begins on the Dover boat train.

But misery lines are not quite Dante's inferno; the hell is not eternal. At election time money mysteriously appeared to allow a face-lift. The Chiltern line, once the Cinderella of London commuting lines, now glides along in super-turbo. North Kent will get the new Newmarket stock. There are only a few months more to experience the roller-coaster ride on the Waterloo and City, still using Southern Railway stock more than half a century old, before spanking new Underground carriages take away the masochistic fun. Misery will soon be confined to Labour voting areas: those grimy trains on Merseyside, rural lines on Humberside.

The trick therefore is to be the first to identify lines that are getting worse: how about the West Coast mainline, once so boringly efficient? Or the Central line on the London Underground, which has captured the trophy for worst service from the Northern—the original misery line? And even when service does improve, the folk memory of the ghastliness lingers comfortingly: the S & D still rejoice in the reputation of "slow and dirty" long after the Somerset and Dorset gave up its name.

People in East Anglia are still laughing at the amateur inefficiencies of the Southwold railway, 63 years after the little branch line closed down. So BR should not worry that its programme of improvements will ruin the nation's conversation. Good horror stories bear much repeating.

## Delayed trial of Guildford Four

From the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster

Sir, One of the stated reasons why Sir John May has had to abandon public hearings in the Guildford and Woolwich cases is that the trial of three Surrey police officers for conspiracy to pervert the course of justice in the Guildford case cannot now take place until April 1993 (report, August 1).

My primary interest lies in the removal of procedural obstacles in the pursuit of truth and justice rather than the prosecution of individual police officers. This delay is a matter of great concern to many people, not least the Guildford Four who spent 15 years of their lives in wrongful imprisonment.

Recent cases of miscarriages of justice have shaken public confidence in some aspects of the criminal justice system in this country. The Home Secretary referred the case of the Guildford Four to the Court of Appeal in January 1989 and the convictions were quashed by the court on October 19, 1989.

It is in the public interest that the Lord Chief Justice and the Director of Public Prosecutions should each now make a full statement as to why there has been such an unparalleled delay in mounting this trial, and why the court, or the prosecution or the defence, or all three, are now saying the trial cannot take place until April 1993.

In the court in difficulty, is the prosecution in difficulty, or is the defence in difficulty, and what is the nature of any such difficulties?

Yours faithfully,  
BASIL HUME,  
Archbishop of the House,  
Westminster, SW1.  
August 4.

## Seychelles election

From Sir James R. Mancham

Sir, Readers of your dispatch from Seychelles on July 28 may have been left with the impression that the Democratic party had been more or less obliterated by the recent elections to a constitutional commission. In reality, our 33.7 per cent of the popular vote was a significant achievement in the face of severe difficulties.

For example, after 15 years of socialist dictatorship, there is no longer any clear division between the state and the role of the Seychelles People's Progressive Front, which is heavily subsidised from public funds. Some voters were intimidated by the prospect of intervention by the disproportionately large army, which has a vested interest in preserving the present regime. And, the many Seychellois who have fled the country to escape oppression were denied the opportunity to vote.

But the most important outcome of these preliminary elections is to put Seychelles on the road back to democracy. The Democratic party is now recognised as the official opposition.

President René has promised to consult me on all major issues during the period leading up to a general election in December, and I have undertaken on behalf of the Democratic party to play a responsible role in the restoration of multiparty democracy in Seychelles. This has been my goal for the past 15 years, and I believe we are now close to achieving it.

Yours sincerely,  
JAMES R. MANCHAM  
(President, Republic of the Seychelles, 1976-7),  
85 Deodar Road, Putney, SW15.  
August 3.

## Wrong on runes

From Professor G. Spencer-Brown

Sir, Bernard Levin ("There's a rune in my tune", July 20) was incorrect to say that Denys Parsons' book, *The Directory of Tunes and Musical Themes*, can only be obtained from one bookshop. Others certainly stock it, and it may also be obtained direct from the address below.

Yours sincerely,  
G. SPENCER-BROWN,  
c/o Spencer-Brown & Co  
(Publishers),  
18a Grenville Place, NW6.

## Early popster?

From Mr Trevor Mound

Sir, Mr Craig Brown, in his quest for the origins of pop (... and more-over, July 30), has overlooked Little Will (heyandahoundahayonino... heydingadiddling) Shakespeare.

Yours faithfully,  
TREVOR MOUND,  
8 Beaufort East, Bath, Avon.

## Library services

From Sir Randolph Quirk, FBA

Sir, Like Miss Joanna Richardson (letter, July 28) and Mr Thomas Scragg (August 5), I rely heavily on the British Library's superb collection of printed and manuscript material. So does my wife, who as a Heidelberg professor is well-placed to assess the British Library by international standards and whose work on medieval and renaissance manuscripts makes her particularly dependent on the skills and helpfulness of the curatorial staff.

We are in consequence astonished that Miss Richardson and Mr Scragg have had experience of the library that is so dramatically dif-

## Need for reflection on water meters

From the Director of the National Consumer Council

Sir, According to the government's consultation paper, *Using Water Wisely* (report, July 31), roughly half of consumers support water metering. No doubt they do so because they believe, first, that it is fair to pay according to how much water they consume and secondly, because they believe that by reducing their water consumption, they will be able to cut their bills sharply.

Would they be as enthusiastic if they saw their bills rising steadily, in spite of superhuman efforts to save water, or if they saw families on low incomes, with children, reluctant to flush the loo in hot weather for fear of pushing up their bills—or families with an incontinent relative paying over the odds because of the need for constant washing of clothes and bedding?

These are hard facts that must be faced before we as a nation make any decision to change over to water metering. The issue is not simply one of hardship to individual families but of risks to public health.

## Facing moral issues in the Balkans

From Mr C. W. L. Keen

Sir, It seems to me that Lord Owen ("When it is right to fight", August 4) is calling us to face moral issues which we have become unfamiliar during the days of uneasy balance of power, created by the Cold War. We are used to the assumptions that all wars may escalate, few are won and many drag on expensively and ineffectually. To make war is to us therefore wrong, and force should be used only to police a peaceful settlement.

Lord Owen reminds us that we are facing, not for the first time, offences against the human race in the form of unashamed use of superior force to exterminate whole peoples. That too can escalate. I suggest that it imposes a moral obligation on the civilised world to intervene with whatever degree of force may be needed to stop the bullying.

It is perhaps a moral dilemma which we faced and our leaders did not fully recognise at the end of the Gulf war. I believe that, in Sarajevo at least, we have a real moral obligation to act.

Yours faithfully,  
CHARLES KEEN,  
The Old Rectory,  
Dunstable House,  
Cirencester, Gloucestershire.  
August 4.

## From Rabbi Dr Sidney Brichio

Sir, You are quite right to dramatise the plight of the Bosnians ("Quibbling over misery", leading article, July 30) by pointing out that "since the Nazi concentration camps... Europe has seen nothing remotely matching in horror what is happening in the Balkans".

However constructive your leader is in proposing the means of ameliorating the suffering, it must be recognised that without purposeful

## Hedgerow carrots

From the Director of the Council for the Protection of Rural England

Sir, Gary Crossley (letter, July 27) alleges that a private member's bill to protect hedgerows would prevent the efficient running of agricultural businesses and risk turning farmers into criminals. It is precisely this image of farmers being frightened of environmental legislation that risks damaging the industry. At present the agricultural industry has remarkably few restrictions imposed on it by local planning authorities.

A simple bill to protect hedgerows would not be an attack on farmers. Indeed we hope it will cover important hedgerows wherever they occur. By contrast the new hedgerow incentive scheme grants will probably be paid almost entirely in rural areas.

## God and the New Age

From Professor Emeritus Russell L. Ackoff

Sir, In his article of June 17, "The selling of the New Age", Bryan Appleyard wrote that I have "decided that Christianity lies at the root of everything that is wrong with capitalist enterprise, and what managers need is a new conception of a 'holistic god'". I have never said or written any such things. I never discussed any—let alone harmful—effects of Christianity on capitalism.

I have discussed the effects of the changing world view—from one that is mechanistic to one that is social-systemic—on capitalism and the concept of God the creator, a view of God shared by many religions. I have suggested that the

behaviour of a few users who deface books with scribbles, some stooping to mutilation or even theft. By no means everyone familiar with both the British Library and the Bibliothèque Nationale would agree with Miss Richardson that the staff of the latter display superior standards of courtesy and professionalism. But most of us will certainly agree with her in applauding the British Library's policy (in contrast to that of Paris) to levy no charge for access to the unrivalled treasures which, as Miss Richardson says, the British Library "holds in trust for the nation".

Yours faithfully,  
RANDOLPH QUIRK,  
University College London,  
Gower Street, WC1.

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## Safeguards for Sunday racing

From Mr David Blackmore

Sir, We are always delighted to see people and families enjoying themselves on Sundays. However, Lord Wyatt's memory is selective and unreliable when it comes to the emotive issue of Sunday betting and trading in general (article, July 28).

It is simply not true to say that his Sunday Sports Bill 1987 was put through the House of Lords "with the approval of the Home Office and the Department of Employment". As a private member's measure, the government ministers of the day did not express the government's approval of the measure and it was left to the individual consciences of peers to be expressed in the usual way in the Upper House.

Lord Wyatt also conveniently forgets that all of the safeguards in his Bill for employees and for local residents were voted through on the insistence of peers with the same values as the Keep Sunday Special Campaign which seeks to ensure that those likely to be adversely affected by a particular measure are, as far as possible, safeguarded in law.

These concerns were uppermost in our minds as we have reviewed the events leading to and from the Doncaster experiment with Sunday racing. It is quite clear that legally enforceable safeguards for the many thousands of racing employees are an essential prerequisite before any further legislative measures are considered by either House of Parliament.

Equally clear is the need to safeguard the interests of residents who are more and more having their one quiet day of the week interfered with by traffic, noise, pollution and crowds who attend some of the biggest sporting functions of the year now held on Sundays, not at the request of the clubs or the organisations concerned, but at the direction of the commercial sponsors which are increasingly taking over the professional game.

I refer specifically to the Irish Derby, which the sponsors, Budweiser, now insist is held upon a Sunday and the FA Cup semi-finals, both of which are now held on Sundays, with the encouragement of the televised media. This is a matter on which the clubs concerned have absolutely no choice or discretion. So much for freedom of choice for the participants of these sports.

The one positive thing to emerge from the Doncaster experiment in our view was that it is possible to hold a Sunday race meeting without the interference of betting shops and without compelling over 40,000 people to work in betting shops—thus ruining the Sundays of yet another large section of family life.

Yours faithfully,  
DAVID BLACKMORE  
(Operations Director),  
Keep Sunday Special Campaign,  
Jubilee House,  
3 Hooper Street, Cambridge.  
July 31.

The key to restoration is the traditional, but expensive, craft of hedgelaying. This not only weaves the existing stems into a stockproof barrier, filling any gaps, but encourages fresh growth at the bottom to rejuvenate the entire hedge. A newly-laid hedge has its future assured and is visually most attractive.

If private-sector companies were to sponsor the restoration of roadside hedges, in return for a modest temporary sign indicating they had done so, the hedge itself would act as advertising space. Such an arrangement might appeal to widely differing businesses, from roadside pubs to major firms with environmental consciences. Surely the planning authorities would co-operate?

Yours faithfully,  
GEORGE DARWALL,  
116 Bradenstone,  
Chippenham, Wiltshire.

## Sorry state of Olympia

From Mr John Cherry

Sir, The original site of the Olympic Games, which my wife and I visited last week, could not, in its present overgrown condition, present a starker and more poignant contrast to the sleek and expensive spectacle of Barcelona, had it been designed that way.

In view of the fact that Barcelona and its successors do and will owe their prosperity to the ideals first practised on this site, would it be too much to suggest that they should perhaps agree to share say 1 per cent of their profits, to help excavate and renew the spiritual source of their very existence?

Yours faithfully,  
JOHN CHERRY,  
Mill House, Iping,  
Midhurst,  
West Sussex.  
July 29.

## Off the road

From Mrs Ann Meloy

Sir, At 1.10pm today I saw a K-registered car at the side of the road with hazard warning lights flashing and the bonnet up.

Yours faithfully,  
ANN MELOY,  
Hawthick House,  
Tunley,  
Nr Bath, Avon.  
August 1.







OBITUARIES

SIR ROBERT MULDOON

Sir Robert Muldoon, GCMG, CH, PC, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of New Zealand from 1975 to 1984, died in hospital in Auckland on August 5 aged 70. He was born in Auckland on September 25, 1921.

ROBERT Muldoon dominated the political scene in New Zealand for more than a decade in the 1970s and 1980s and even after being removed from the centre of power was a figure whose statements always had to be taken account of by those who succeeded him there. He was an accountant by training, and economics were his forte. Yet he became known not so much for his economic policies, controversial though they sometimes were, as for the bellicosity of his personality. In everything he did Muldoon was a slugger, sometimes figuratively, sometimes literally, as when he waded into a street demonstration and punched one of its participants on the jaw. "One at a time and you are welcome", he shouted to those of the demonstrators' friends who showed some inclination to take him on.

Both at home and abroad he showed absolutely no respect for those of his political peers whom he happened to think were barking up the wrong tree. Not for him the oleaginuous, circumlocutive language which has in these times progressively sapped the vitality — and a necessary core of truth — from so much of what politicians say. His behaviour might be boorish and his opinions wrong-headed, uncivilised or downright foolish. But he could never be accused of that species of cynicism which has lowered the profession of politician in the public esteem throughout the world. He hated political chit-chat, as such he was not the delight of political journalists who interviewed him. He was not a man to provide reams of undemanding speculative copy or what passes in broadcasting circles as a "good" argumentative interview designed as much to flatter the ego of the interviewer as to inform the listener. When questioned about what he thought, he said his piece and that was that. Thus, when asked on the air whether he felt any resentment against a political opponent who had attacked him, he took the wind out of his interviewer's sails by replying: "Not at all, I'd just like to tear his guts out."

Muldoon's period as prime minister was constantly charged with controversy. He owed his survival for so long at the top to the fact that in political astuteness and performance he was head and shoulders above his challengers, whether they came from Labour on the left or from the right wing of his own National Party.

Throughout his years as prime minister New Zealand experienced bad times economically. But Muldoon argued that the country's



difficulties were largely due to factors beyond New Zealand's control, such as the cost of imported oil and the protectionist policies pursued towards their farm products by the industrially advanced countries. And for a time the voters accepted that.

He was also able to excite public interest, in spite of the economic gloom, in bold development projects, particularly in the area of energy — such as exploitation of the Maui gas field off the Taranaki coast.

Robert David Muldoon grew up in difficult circumstances. His father was an invalid, the result of first world war injuries. His mother supplemented a meagre pension by working as an upholsterer. The family's condition was close to poverty. Muldoon was educated at Mount Albert primary school from where he won a scholarship to Mount Albert Grammar. He was too young for regular military service when the second world war began in Europe. He joined the territorials and took his accountant's examinations while still in camp. Later he saw service in New Caledonia and then in Italy. After the war he won an armed forces bursary to study cost accounting in Britain.

Returning to New Zealand, he joined an Auckland firm of chartered accountants and at the same time became a member of the National Party. After two unsuccessful bids at parliament, in 1954 and 1957, he won the Tairāhema seat from Labour in 1960. From 1963 to 1966 he served as parliamentary under secretary to the minister of finance and in 1967 became finance minister himself. He held that post until 1972 and made a name for himself by building up New Zealand's foreign exchange reserves. In 1972 the National Party, now

led by Sir John Marshall, was defeated in the polls. Muldoon had served under Marshall as deputy prime minister, and moves were soon set on foot by a group known as the Young Turks within the parliamentary group to replace Marshall with Muldoon; they came to fruition in 1974. They left wounds in the party which never entirely healed.

The belief had been that Muldoon's more aggressive style would be better suited to the business of unseating Norman Kirk, then leading a Labour administration. As it happened, Kirk died shortly afterwards and Muldoon led the National Party to a decisive victory in 1975. He became prime minister and minister of finance at the same time.

The power of his personality apart, Muldoon had been promoted by his backers as something of an economic miracle-worker. He himself proclaimed monetarist principles and the virtues of restraining intervention by the government, but as the economy ran into trouble he moved quite sharply to sustain demand. During his time in office he introduced controls on wages, prices and interest rates, and they were much criticised within his own party. He himself countered with characteristic robustness, maintaining that he continued to believe in free enterprise and dismissing advocates of a completely free market as economic troglodytes with no concern for the social consequences.

On international platforms, such as those offered by various Commonwealth forums, the Asian Development Bank, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (of which he served as chairman in 1978), Muldoon generally took the

side of the developing world in the North-South debate. He called for a reform of the international monetary system and urged the richer industrialised countries to improve the trading opportunities of the poorer countries, or risk a dangerous disintegration worldwide.

In 1981 at the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference he came under criticism from Mr Robert Mugabe, prime minister of Zimbabwe, over the South African rugby tour of New Zealand that year. He replied in characteristically robust style and later told reporters: "I suppose when you have been in the jungle for a few years shooting people, you can't understand."

Muldoon showed a similar robustness in backing Britain in the Falklands crisis in 1982. A New Zealand frigate was dispatched to the Caribbean to take the place of a British frigate patrolling off Belize, so freeing the British ship for service elsewhere.

At home Muldoon was respected across the political spectrum, but he was not particularly liked. His talents, built round a sound grasp of his subject and the quick riposte, often left his critics bruised. His abrasiveness, for which he made no apology, was new to the electorate, and many remained wary.

He was nevertheless re-elected in 1978 and again, though with a water-thin majority, in 1981. By 1984, however, when he called a snap election in July, he had come under widespread criticism, not least from within his own party, where his market interventions were blamed for spawning the right-wing New Zealand Party. This siphoned support from his own National Party.

which was defeated in the election in a Labour landslide. Nevertheless, even in these circumstances Muldoon was reluctant to relinquish control of the country's affairs and he almost brought on a financial and constitutional crisis when he refused to devalue the New Zealand dollar during the transition to the Labour government of Mr David Lange.

Within a few months the critics within the National Party succeeded in dislodging him from the leadership, and he retired to the back benches. However, even there he continued to goad those in power as well as to criticise his own party and its new leader, his former deputy, Mr Jim McLay. His aggressive style often hit the headlines, as on the occasion in December 1984 when he was ordered from the parliamentary chamber for calling the former All Black Chris Laidlaw (who was at that time an adviser on African affairs to Mr Lange's government) a "traitor to New Zealand".

When the National Party returned to government under Mr Jim Bolger in 1990 Muldoon was not offered a cabinet post and refused a junior ministerial post outside the cabinet. He remained cantankerous to the last, announcing his intention of being, if not a thorn, then "a little prick" in the side of government. Eventually he resigned his parliamentary seat of Tairāhema and forced a by-election early this year in protest at the government's economic policies. He claimed that the National government, in its aim to "redesign" New Zealand's welfare state with its generous pensions and other benefits, had become "a prisoner of the extreme right and has stopped caring about people".

Even in retreat from political life Muldoon turned to fire a Partisan salvo into the ranks of the cabinet from which he had been excluded, describing Mr Bolger as a "terrible disappointment", finance minister Ruth Richardson as "arrogant, inflexible and economically illiterate", and social welfare secretary Jenny Shipley as "a middle-aged, overweight farmer's wife".

In spite of his aggressive public image, Muldoon was shy and almost insecure in private. He generally shunned the social scene. He was a prolific journalist, and published several books about his political life, but his chief recreational interest was horticulture, in particular the raising of various types of lily. In his later life his health was not good and he underwent surgery for cancer of the bowel as well as major heart surgery in recent years. Astonishingly, none of these periods in hospital were able to subdue his ferocious energies and it was ideology and not ill-health which in the upshot, prompted his withdrawal from parliamentary life. He married in 1951 Thelma Dale Flyger. They had a son and two daughters. His wife and children survive him.

APPRECIATIONS

Lord Cheshire

WHEN the then Ministry of Education and the Nottinghamshire LEA (obituary of Lord Cheshire, August 3) launched their co-operative experiment in secondary education at the Arnold County High School in 1950, it was decided to name one of the six school houses the Ryder-Cheshire House. Subsequently Group Captain Cheshire took a personal interest in the pupils of this house.

This led to the pupils becoming interested in, and visiting from time to time, the nearby Cheshire Home. There is on record a vivid account of one such visit showing Group Captain Cheshire as seen through the eyes of the pupils. It reads: "As he settled in a chair, we asked him questions. We did not really like to do this as he seemed so relaxed and he seemed glad to escape from the photographers and reporters who had followed him about like shadows... From what we gathered the Group Captain is very tolerant and likes children, although he claims Jeremy, his son of 19 months, has no sense of responsibility as all he seems to do is to eat, drink and sleep."

"The Group Captain is good at maths. He offered to set us two hours of algebra, find us a quiet room and write a report for our maths teacher. We managed to decline gracefully."

"Throughout our visit we were amazed at the way in which he tried to stay in the background and, contrary to our expectations, he did not try to take over the running of the Home. As he left the Home the Group Captain again proved that he was really human by leaving behind all his money."

"And so ended a very interesting day in which all our misapprehensions of Group Captain Leonard Cheshire were banished and we realised we had met a truly great man."

Dr J. H. Higginson

THE quality of the goodness of Leonard Cheshire, whom I knew at Oxford in the late 1930s, was recognised all over the world. One of the great Jesuit schools in Australia — St Ignatius College, Riverview, overlooking Sydney harbour. Founded on the English public school system, its houses are all named after famous Jesuit priests and missionaries of the Society's early years — except one, which is called Cheshire, because the

school's guardians felt that his was such a wonderful example for their students to follow.

Philip F. Nind

EARLY in 1949 as a then styled hospital almoner at St Thomas' Hospital I was sent to visit Leonard Cheshire's home, Le Court, at Liss, to assess its suitability as a place of convalescence for a patient.

The then Group Captain Cheshire met me at Alton station in a little old car. We took tea by lamplight in his sparsely furnished house in which he was already caring for two homeless and sick people. Donning a white coat, he left the room to tend the boy upstairs. He told me during the course of our conversation that he had no money, and showed me a pile of bills. His faith that God would provide made an enormous and lasting impression on me. Here was a saint amongst men who had a real belief in the power of love and faith. I had never, and certainly not since, met anyone like this simple man who truly loved all men throughout the world. By his international achievements he leaves a fitting monument to his beliefs.

May I add that we did send the patient to Le Court.

Mrs Hazel Fallon

YOUR obituary of Leonard Cheshire includes the sentence: "He was the very model of the dashing RAF pilot." He wasn't. I was a WAAF in the



Met Office at RAF Woodhall Spa. We girls saw all the pilots coming to discuss the weather prospects, and we said to one another: "What is it about Cheshire? He's not like the others." I know now, of course, that it was his spirituality that distinguished him.

Mrs B. M. Arnell

Hans Feld

IT SHOULD also be remembered that Hans Feld (obituary, July 29) felt deeply that the history of the German Jewish group to which he belonged, and whose very existence and culture had been destroyed by the Nazis, should be recorded. For this purpose he and others including Mar-

tin Buber and Gershom Scholem founded the Leo Baeck Institute in 1955.

He remained a lively member of its London executive and was still active as its treasurer in his 90th year. He himself wrote a study of German Jews in the film industry for the Institute's Year Book.

Dr Arnold Paucker

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THE CHOLERA IN THE METROPOLIS

(From the Observer.) There was yesterday a reduction in the return of cholera cases for the Metropolis, compared with the return for the day before; but the number of cases is still extremely heavy. In Lambeth, Kennington, Bermondsey, and its low-lying districts, active house-to-house visitation has been carried on under the regulations of the General Board of Health, for the treatment of the premonitory symptoms of the disease in the earliest stages. The cases thus treated are most numerous; but for this early treatment there is strong reason for believing that the mortality would have been much more severe.

It is sufficiently established that the more filthy and ill-drained districts are those which supply the largest amounts of victims, already disposed to the assaults of this mysterious disease. This fact is proved incontestably by the greater prevalence of the disease in the parishes beyond the water, and in the crowded courts and narrow streets of the most western regions on this side of the river. The numerous attacks of cholera, and the many fatal cases, in the parish of St. Bride's, all occurred within a few days of the Fleet ditch. The disease has almost entirely disappeared during the past week from the metropolis — a clear proof of what may be effected by care, cleanliness, and by having full

means at hand for supplying the necessary aids of medicine, cleanliness, &c. Even in the Westminster Bridewell, about which so much alarm was felt last week, the thinning of the prisoners and the care and superintendence of those that remained have been attended with the happiest results. It is another strong proof of the efficacy of care and cleanliness, and wholesome food and lodging, that the troops all over the United Kingdom have almost entirely escaped.

A large number of persons are suffering from diarrhoea and similar diseases in the township of Leeds, and in the course of the past week two deaths occurred from Asiatic cholera. One of the deaths was that of a child, its parents were natives of Ireland, and lived in Gile-street, York-street, a very filthy and unhealthy part of the town. The other death was that of a labourer, a man of temperate habits, employed by a papermaker. He was taken ill whilst at his work, at some distance from Leeds, on Wednesday afternoon, and died on Friday morning at his own house, in the neighbourhood of a part of the town called the Bank, which is notorious for being unhealthy. The sewerage being extremely deficient. Four men, all of whom worked together in one room at a mill known by the name of Larchfield mill, as woollen weavers, and all of whom lived in a street called Braithwaite row, have died from this terrible disease. The houses in which they severally lived and died have no other drainage than the surface of the earth; and though they are devoid of cellar-kitchens (those pests both of large and small dwellings), they have in front a number of privies and pigsties. Proper means have been adopted for cleansing and whitewashing all the houses of parties too poor to pay the expense of such useful work; and on obtaining a surgeon's certificate persons may have supplies of brandy, beef, arrow-root, and other articles.

VICTOR DIX

Professor Victor Wilkinson Dix, professor of surgery at London University, 1947-64, has died aged 93. He was born on May 24, 1899.

WHEN Victor Dix became professor of surgery at the London Hospital he captivated the board of governors into setting up research laboratories: they were to lay the basis for the understanding of indigestion and thus for new pills which virtually replaced the need for surgery.

He also developed a special interest in urology by establishing a purpose-built endoscopy out-patient suite for the inspection of the bladder, with its own X-ray unit. The suite was years ahead of its time in demonstrating the effectiveness of day-case surgery and in developing new combinations of radiotherapy and surgery for bladder cancer.

Dix was a rapid and cunning operator, marvellously delicate in endoscopic work, especially with the classical lithotrite, a device used to

crush stones in the bladder. He was born in Dorset and educated privately. At Trinity College, Cambridge, he was distinguished for hockey and tennis. He served with the Royal Flying Corps in France in the latter part of the first world war, becoming a flying instructor, when to gain one's wings the altitude test included flying at 16,000 ft without oxygen.

He entered the London Hospital Medical College in 1921, qualified in 1923, and became MRCP and FRCS in 1926. He became assistant surgeon in 1930 on returning from Berlin where he had learned from the German surgeon von Lichtenberg the new method of intravenous urography with which Dix built a reputation in hydroureter, a kidney operation. He went into private practice. At the outbreak of the second world war he spent his time at the London Hospital, taking turns to do the emergency surgery during the Blitz, which destroyed his house in Harley Street.

He joined the RAMC in 1941 and served in North Africa. Later he was posted to Malaya as consulting surgeon, South East Asia Land Forces, where he was surprised to receive an invitation to become professor of surgery at the London Hospital.

He was president of the section of urology of the Royal Society of Medicine in 1954, a founder member of the British Association of Urological Surgeons and president in 1962. He was also a member of the Court of Examiners of the Royal College of Surgeons. He leaves his widow and their two daughters and son.



ALAN THOMAS

Alan Gradon Thomas, antiquarian bookseller, died in London on August 3 aged 80. He was born on October 19, 1911.

WIDELY regarded as the doyen of the British antiquarian book trade, Alan Thomas began his professional association with books at the age of 16 when he went to work for Ernest Cooper, proprietor of the general second-hand and antiquarian bookshop, Horace G. Committ, in Old Christchurch Road, Bournemouth. From that modest beginning he rose to a position of eminence acknowledged throughout the English-speaking world and beyond. Lacking the benefits of a formal higher education, he nonetheless came abundantly to merit the description "scholar bookseller". His expertise spanned many centuries and many subjects. His forthright and lucidly expressed opinions and his fund of well-delivered stories made him a sought-after companion, whether at dinner or on the way to and from auction sales.

In the early 1930s Thomas met Lawrence Durrell, almost his exact contemporary, and the two men forged a firm friendship that was to last until Durrell's recent death. Thomas used to speak of hours spent exchanging ideas with Durrell on the beach at Bournemouth while the two men skimmed stones on the surface of the sea. The Durrell family took Thomas, with his undernourished frame, very much under their wing. In 1937 Durrell dedicated his pseudonymous novel, *Panic Spring*, to Thomas, who corrected the proofs for him.

Many years later Thomas compiled a bibliography of Durrell's writings, the last and definitive edition of which appeared over the joint signatures of Alan Thomas and James Brigham in 1983. By that time Alan Thomas's book-selling career had taken two significant turns. In 1936 he was able to buy Committs, where he handled a rich variety of material. After the war he chose to concentrate more and more on antiquarian books and in 1956 sold the general business of Committs to John Rushdon.

In his elegantly furnished home in



Wimborne, which he shared with his first wife, Ella, he began the publication of a long series of antiquarian catalogues which delighted their readers not just by the breadth and excellence of their offerings, but also by the quirkiness of their footnotes. Thomas advised his customers and would-be callers that they should telephone ahead for "much of an antiquarian bookseller's time is spent searching for stock".

In Thomas's case this meant being present in the London auction rooms on a regular basis and in 1965 he moved again, this time to the Victorian house in

Chelsea which was to be his home until he died. On the auction scene he was as formidable a bidder as he was a familiar figure. Once he chose to bid on a book or manuscript he was very hard to beat. He was particularly active at the long series of sales at which much of the celebrated collection of Sir Thomas Phillipps was dispersed. In the auction rooms, as in his early days at Committs, he showed a respect and even affection for the lower levels of staff, a respect and affection which were reciprocated by the porters whom some of the "grander" buyers patronised or scorned.

Alan Thomas always claimed that it was he who first made the collecting of architectural books fashionable, and in his words, "respectable". He complained that the specialist dealers who came along behind him forced prices up to heights where he chose not to follow them.

He was an authority on early Bibles and on illuminated manuscripts. His other specialised fields included the works of William Morris and his Kelmscott Press (and on "state occasions" he proudly sported an embroidered waistcoat once worn by Morris).

His publication *Fine Books* (1967) was much admired. It covered four subjects. Later it was much expanded as *Great Books and Book Collectors* (13 subjects, 1975).

Thomas not only wore his learning lightly but imparted it lightly as well. He was increasingly out of tune with modern times, as his catalogue notes occasionally showed. For example in advertising a Latin treatise on learning to swim he remarked that in those days would-be swimmers managed perfectly well without heated, subsidised municipal baths.

In 1958 his peers honoured him by electing him president of the Antiquarian Booksellers' Association. In that role he made many memorable speeches, not least one impassioned declaration that the trade offered one of the last chances to carve out one's own destiny.

Bookselling was a passion for Alan Thomas, but so were travel with his second wife, Shirley, who survives him, music and above all conversation.

Church news

Clergy Appointments

The Rev Douglas Andrews, Curate, Swindon New Town Team Ministry, to be Team Vicar, Swindon New Town Team Ministry (Bristol).

The Rev Canon Ivan Bailey, Priest-in-charge, Kirby Bedon and Bixley, to be Mental Health Chaplain for the Norwich Health Authority (Norwich).

The Rev Peter Bradford, Curate, Andover (St Mary) w. Foxcote, to be Vicar, East Wiltshire and West Wiltshire w. Hartley Meudlin and Kingsley w.

Oakhanger (Winchester). The Rev Julia Butterworth, Curate, Faversham and Diocesan Adviser in Women's Ministry (Canterbury), to be Team Vicar, Whitstable, St Andrew's, same diocese.

The Rev Geoffrey Catchpole, Priest-in-charge, Bradwell-on-Sea, St Thomas w. St Lawrence, to be Vicar, Holland-on-Sea (Chelmsford).

The Rev Christopher Chapman, Vicar, Hopton w. Corton, to be Priest-in-charge, London w. Sisland LEP (Norwich).

The Rev Arthur Deegan, Assistant Priest, Melton Great Framland, to be Team Vicar, Melton Great Framland (Leicester).

The Rev Christopher Duncan, Vicar, Chilham, to be also Rural Dean of West Bridge (Canterbury).

The Rev Kathryn Fitzsimons, Curate (NSM), St John's, Bliton, to be also Richmond Archdeaconry Development Worker, South (Ripon).

The Rev Patrick Goodsell, Vicar, Selindge w. Monks Horton and

Stowling and Lymyne w. West Hythe, to be Vicar, Norington, St Mary the Virgin w. Wymenswold, St Margaret and Goodnestone, Holy Cross w. Cheltenham, All Saints and Knowlton, St Clement (Canterbury).

The Rev Paul Haworth, Team Vicar, Waltham Abbey Team Ministry, to be Team Rector, Becontree South Team Ministry (Chelmsford).

The Rev Robert Jones, Vicar, Hutton Cranwick w. Sherne, Watton and Bewick, to be also Rural Dean of Harthill (York).

Backingham

Appointments  
Honorary Professor of Biochemistry: Dr Keith Mansford, formerly Director of Research, SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals.

Honorary Readership in Biochemistry: Dr Mike Cawthorne, Director of Diabetes and Obesity Project, SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals.

Lecturers in Law: Gordon D M Goldberg, Barrister and Solicitor

of the Supreme Court of Victoria, Australia, Karen I. Morrow.  
Lecturer in Spanish: Señora Elena Fernandez

Grants

Diabetes and Research Group of the Clow Laboratory for Life Sciences (directed by Dr Simon Drummond and Dr John Morrison) £100,000 from SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals (Research Division) for studies on possible causative role of the primary gland hormones related diseases of diabetes and obesity.  
Professor Lee Evans, Professor of Life Sciences, £44,674 from the European Commission for research on severed tissue culture.















Cinema: Geoff Brown on a green animated feature, *FernGully*, plus *Masala*, *Daydream Believer* and re-issued Buñuel

# Recycled, with added kitsch

Schizophrenia reigns in Hollywood. One part of the industry has bowed to environmental concerns and gone green: note the rainforest plea in *Medicine Man*, an otherwise standard jungle romance. Another part still paints things black. In the upcoming *Alien 3*, you will vainly search for a single shaft of daylight or blade of grass like so many recent futuristic adventures, the film makes a fetish of darkness.

Now the green lobby has a new recruit: *FernGully* (Cineon West End, U), an animated feature directed by Bill Kroyer, packaged in America, but produced across the globe in Australia, Denmark, Korea, Thailand, Canada and Britain. Its subtitle is "The Last Rainforest"; some profits are to be channelled towards environmental projects. Even the publicity material comes on recycled paper.

The film, however, makes for peculiarly dispiriting viewing: not so much for its message, which is impeccably correct, but for the means adopted to drum the message home. Visually, *FernGully* seems to have been designed by the makers of our most hideous greetings cards. Rainforest sprites with transparent wings flit through a landscape of cloying verdure, purple blooms, shimmering sunlight and dewdrops. Even Disney's animators in *Fantasia* — practised hands at kitsch vegetation — never created a forest so twee.

The characters pitted against this background are blatantly out of fit market requirements. Our heroine is Crysta, an adventurous sprit with turquoise eyes and a two-inch waist obviously achieved by long hours of aerobics. As hero, we have Zak, the 1990's version of the boy next door blond, street-smart, clad in trainers, t-shirt and jeans. Around them scurry elves and beetles (the local hooligans), riding what the publicity describes as "chopper-type bug-bikes".

Zak works in the forest as an apprentice logger, but becomes inadvertently shrunk to sprite size by Crysta's magic. He gives her slang lessons ("You are one bodacious dude!"); she teaches him to revere nature. Together, they fight off the loggers' depredations and fall blandly in love.

Unfortunately for the film's green message, this insipid pair prove no artistic match for the

forces of pollution. Compare their blank faces with the exuberant grins given to Hexous, an oily monster unleashed by the loggers, who threatens to engulf this last fragment of Eden in toxic slime. Tim Curry voices the character with his customary theatrical flourish: though the soundtrack is stolen by Robin Williams as Barry Koda, a tiresome fruit bat with a scrambled brain, mangled antennae and a tendency to bump into things. The small fry, at least, might be amused.

Any mainstream film must be pitched at a level to suit its intended audience. But *FernGully* panders far too much for comfort to its audience's presumed taste. Animation might be enjoying a renaissance after Disney's triumphant *Beauty and the Beast*, yet there is

**'Cloying verdure, purple blooms: even Disney's animators have never created a forest so twee'**

little sign here of the genre's new conquest. In image and story, this is content to parade the most stereotyped images and turn the rainforest into nothing more wondrous than a cuddlier version of Main Street, USA. A green film should kindle young imaginations: this will only help stunt them.

Few directors worked harder to liberate the imagination than Luis Buñuel. Following the happy revival of *Belle de Jour*, six other films from the Sixties and Seventies return for two weeks in brand-new prints at the Barbican Cinema. They are calling the season *The Buñuel Collection*, which sounds like a line of designer luggage. But there is nothing chic about these jack-in-the-box tales of erotic desire, bourgeois satire and unfathomable dreams: Buñuel remained his prickly surrealist self to the end.

The flagship is *The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie* (15), which won the Oscar for best foreign film in 1973. No other late

Buñuel work can beat this for simple fun, though scathing satire lies behind the tomfoolery of well-heeled friends constantly interrupted at lunch and dinner. Scenes imperceptibly shift into dreams, and dreams within dreams. Bizarre violence shatters the comedy of manners, most spectacularly when a prisoner is electrocuted inside a piano, causing cockroaches to scuttles over the keys: an image that might be from *Un Chien Andalou*, more than 40 years before.

Fernando Rey, Delphine Seyrig, Stéphane Audran and the rest incarnate the corrupt, lustful but charming bourgeoisie with such gravity and grace. Directed by Buñuel with the playful ease of a veteran conjuror, *The Discreet Charm* is one magic show well worth multiple visits.

With Indian cuisine, you expect a riot of tastes and spices. *Masala* (Metro, 18) gives us the film equivalent: a lurching mix of satire, farce and fantasy set in Toronto's Indian community. Its debutant director Srinivas Krishna (resident in Canada) began by planning a *Rebel Without a Cause* parody. Traces remain in his own portrayal of the troubled young hero, orphaned in an air crash, who suddenly re-appears among Toronto relatives, mooching about in a leather jacket and spiky hair.

But Krishna's script soon began chasing other characters, other targets. The Hindi deities come in for much ribbing: Lord Krishna himself (as camp and cherry-lipped as any pantomime dame) makes appearances on television.

Uddies and cousins cluster round the rebel hero, prompting digressions on culture clashes, racism and Canadian politics. Shot by shot, horse-back Mounties collide with Sikh separatists, Lord Krishna wearing an ice-hockey sweater, and a Hindi procession in the street.

Srinivas Krishna brings little rhythm or visual sparkle to this chaos, while stimulating to think about, especially for Asian communities, *Masala* remains dreadfully dull to watch. Except that is, for Saeed Jaffrey. The veteran actor takes three roles: Lord Krishna, the devious uncle Lallu Bhai, and poor cousin Tikoo, a postal worker who refuses to solve his financial problems by selling a precious stamp.



Outdoing the greetings cards: a scene from Bill Kroyer's *FernGully: The Last Rainforest*

Jaffrey's elegant sense of comedy helps, though he can hardly whip the film into shape singlehanded.

An Australian screenwriter called Saturday Rosenberg has gone down in history by writing the first film script to yoke together a stud farm, a male strip-joint, a Codney impresario struggling with a rock opera, and a clumsy heroine who believes she is a horse. Even Buñuel

in his wildest moments could not have concocted *Daydream Believer* (MGM Haymarket, MGM Oxford Street, 15).

This incredibly foolish romantic comedy, named after an old Monkees hit, might possibly appeal to some former admirer of *Black Beauty* just graduating to beelcke magazines. Otherwise, there seems little chance of an

audience. Miranda Otto shows some spirit as the horse-mad girl; but Kathy Mueller's direction is wholly undistinguished, and Martin Kemp (from *The Krays* and *Spandau Ballet*) is blandness personified as the entrepreneur. "Are you stupid, or some special kind of stupid?" he asks during an early brush with the heroine. The answer is obvious.

## ARTS BRIEF

### Stupid idea?

AFTER 168 years, Alexander Griboyedov's satirical masterpiece *Care of ума* ("Woe from Wit"), also known as *Too Clever By Half*, is to be staged for the first time in Britain. Anthony Burgess has written an English version, entitled *Chaisky*, of the Russian classic, banned for nearly 40 years because of its bitter view of Tsarist society. Burgess's version, subtitled "The Importance of Being Stupid", is scheduled to be staged at the Almeida Theatre in Islington next March.

### Blue riband

W H SMITH'S revolutionary "Thumping Good Read" promotion seems to have paid off. The booksellers offered customers their money back on six selected novels if they did not like them. Robert Goddard's *Into the Blue* had sold just 44 copies in 500 branches of Smith's in the week before the promotion began four weeks ago: nearly 5,000 crossed the counter subsequently. He was chosen by a panel of customers to win a £5,000 prize as the "thumping best writer". Of the 32,000 books sold during the promotion, only four were returned.

### Notts counting

EXCITEMENT mounts among theatre-goers in Nottingham as the Playhouse awaits the arrival of Michael Cashman — who, for three years, was "Colin" in *EastEnders* — to take on the rather different role of Mephistopheles in a new production of Marlowe's *Doctor Faustus*. That is in November. Before that, the Nottingham Playhouse presents the world premiere of the latest play from the fertile pen of John Godber, *The Office Party*, in a co-production with Godber's own Hull Truck Theatre Company. The play, said to be in an "innovative style combining verse and flash-back", begins a fortnight run in Nottingham on September 3, and will then tour nationwide.

### Last chance...

AUGUST promises to be a rewarding month for jazz guitar buffs, with both Pat Metheny and Kenny Burrell due to make an appearance at the Brecon Festival. Another American visitor, Larry Coryell, concludes his residency at the Jazz Café, London NW1 (071-234 4358) tonight, performing both solo and with a trio. Long renowned for his extravagant jazz-rock soloing, Coryell has also emerged as a sensitive player of acoustic guitar in classical settings and in partnership with the percussionist Zakir Hussain.

## CINEMA/THEATRE: INTERVIEW

# Flying south for a winter tonic

In a chill rehearsal room in Sydney, Australia, Greta Scacchi huddles in a gabardine over an electric fire at the start of a day's work. She is suffering nausea from a stomach virus that has already laid out two of the cast. Yet for the next three hours she commits herself body and soul to the emotional rollercoaster of August Strindberg's *Miss Julie*. There is no pause, no complaint, and no sign of any "big Hollywood star slumping in Aussie theatre" behaviour.

"To me, this is luxury," she says. "They try to make a fuss of you on a film set, giving you a big trailer or a red carpet. In America it's done to a ludicrous extent; they make you feel like an invalid, because you have so many people milling around and treating you like royalty. It isn't what you need as an actor: all that nonsense about being something superior doesn't help your confidence, your calm, your well-being."

In some ways, Scacchi's flight south confirms the direction of Hollywood presented in Robert Altman's satirical film *The Player*, in which Scacchi appeared. With her three-month-old daughter Laila, she has left behind husband Vincent D'Onofrio and a Californian summer for a winter season in Australia. Like other film actors who seem happier in themselves (and in the business of acting) on the stage, her chosen text is the title role in the most intense and demanding of the Scandinavian classics.

Why Australia? For one thing, Australian mainstream theatre at present is intent on radically reinterpreting the classics. And you cannot get much further from *Tinseltown* than Sydney's Wharf Theatre. This is the Sydney Theatre Company's main venue after the illustrious Opera House, a much-loved converted warehouse that creaks on waterfront piles on the other side of the Harbour Bridge, amid the working boats and fishing trawlers. The atmosphere, and its restaurant view, is terrific.

Scacchi's Sydney debut follows her appearance last year in Perth, playing the lead in *A Doll's House*. She had been told of film critics pigeonholing her, after her appearances in such films as *Presumed*

Greta Scacchi, in Australia for some stage work, talks to Robert Cockburn about the rewards of theatre compared to cinema stardom

*Innocent and White Mischief*, as the girl who always takes off her clothes. *A Doll's House* was to have been the beginning of the end of films.

"Until I did *Doll's House* in Perth, I had not done anything of that substance," she explains. "It was so exciting I swore I'd never do another film again in my life. I realised a good role in the theatre is far more inspiring, fulfilling and therapeutic than any other sort of work. Then, of course, I met Altman..."

She only accepted Altman's entreaties to appear in *The Player* after first turning down the original "dolly bird" role in the script. And yet the way she describes Altman's subsequent reconstruction of her Icelandic character, the pragmatic anarchist June Gudmundsdottir, sounds rather like the Hollywood panderer he would parody so mercilessly in the film.

But Scacchi defends him: "There was a flippancy in it. That's Bob's idea. We try to train people through films to have this prejudicial view of life and people, as if you put them in pigeonholes. "Producers are terribly narrow when they view people. They tend to think that actors can only do what they did in their last roles. Altman despises that habit. He also didn't want any of the actors to do any sort of in-depth research, because he felt that research makes us too academic in approach. In fact once he caught me asking someone if we could get in touch with the Icelandic Embassy for my part, and he just dragged me away from the phone and said: 'No research! I ban you from doing any research!'"

In part Sydney offers a safe haven in which Scacchi can



Committed: Greta Scacchi plays Strindberg's title role *Miss Julie* in the Sydney Theatre Company production

work, away from West Coast producers and the "notoriously bad" British press, which she believes to be obsessed with her reputation for shedding clothes in film roles. That subject brings a laugh, more of incredulity than mirth.

"Well, Britain is where I got my reputation for nudity, from doing *The Ebony Tower*. You can imagine the smutty newspapers back in England: the fact that Sir Laurence Olivier had been exposed to two young nubile naked actresses. My name got dragged through the mud. Yet we had done this extremely highbrow John Fowles story, where we were recreating the Manet painting, *Le Déjeuner sur l'herbe*. I mean, what could be more kind of artistic?"

There is a girl-next-door quality to Scacchi, with her ready opinions and enthusiasm. But Sydney is a serious attempt to break out of the mould in which the critics have set her, by performing nightly in front of the tradi-

tionally tough local audiences.

Her choice of Australia is deliberate: "Many people say British theatre is becoming more limited and less innovative, because the British feel they know it all and they haven't got anything new to discover. That is not a very inspiring environment to be working in. Whereas in Australia, there is still a feeling that things are yet to be established."

Under director Wayne Harrison, the STC is also dumping the standard British classical texts found in Penguin editions in favour of fresh translations of French, Russian, German and Scandinavian plays by the company's dramatic, Norwegian academic May-Britt Akerholt. Scacchi credits Akerholt's frank translations of *A Doll's House* and now *Miss Julie* as a main attraction. They are, in their way, tangible acts of artistic republicanism, perhaps more effective at establishing Australia's cultural

separateness from Britain than the political exhortations of prime minister Paul Keating.

"Why should we go via London to a play set in Stockholm? We have to appropriate the classics and make them our own," says Akerholt, who refines the text with the actors and throughout the rehearsal process. "In my opinion Ibsen and Strindberg are both much closer to the Australian sense of humour and irony."

Moreover, the style of stage productions in Australia is moving away from Anglo-Celtic traditions to reflect Australia's vivid cosmopolitan society. The cast joke is that *Miss Julie* boasts a "token Australian": Gillian Seamer as Kristin.

Scacchi, Anglo-Italian, is hardly from the ethnic fringes. But otherwise the cast, including Russian actor Alex Menges as Jean and French director Jean-Pierre Mignion, can be seen as a long-overdue representation in mainstream theatre of Australia's wealth of foreign talent.

Harrison, just back from a directing stint in south London, at the Croydon Warehouse, does draw some parallels between Australian and British theatre over the past decade. "I think people in Britain are still reeling from the ravages of the Thatcher years, when she never once went to the National Theatre as prime minister," he says.

That is a feat emulated by Bob Hawke, who never once went to the Sydney Theatre Company as prime minister. "The hope in the Nineties is that the artistically inclined prime minister Paul Keating will boost financial support."

Meanwhile, Scacchi relishes her new-found freedom: "For all the perks in film — going to exotic places, getting paid well — you're doing very much a botched job as far as acting is concerned. You're trying to scramble as hard as you can with all the skills you have, hoping you don't have egg on your face at the end of the day."

"And another thing in the air: you know when you're going to do your bit. If you need to stand on your head for half an hour first, you can."

## TELEVISION REVIEW

# Offbeat but on the beam

Take the movie *Barman*, complete with the late Anton Furst's wonderfully surreal urban decor. Add a little Raymond Chandler and sprinkle with Isaac Bashevis Singer. The finished dish might be rather like *Death and the Compass*, last night's offering on BBC 2.

This was the first film that Alec Cox (*Repo Man*, *Sid and Nancy*) has directed for television. Admittedly, it threatened to cross the line between the entertaining and the arty, and occasionally it did so; yet there has been no more arresting offbeat contribution to "ScreenPlay 1992".

Cox himself adapted the film from a short story by Jorge Luis Borges; and, though most of the characters' accents were North American, both the setting and the atmosphere belonged further south. Mainly, the action occurred in a shadowy, sinister city whose tacky streets teemed with angry demonstrators and whose most impressive building was the headquarters of the police.

This was a great baroque castle, where genteel messages from the public address system ("the torture session must be

### Death and the Compass BBC 2

kept tidy") merged with the sound of thumps and yells.

The film began with the murder of a rabbi who had been about to give a lecture on the Cabbalah. Perhaps he was only the victim of a botched robbery, but perhaps darker, more arcane motives were at work. At any rate, that was the view of the super-sleuth on the case, Inspector Lohmrot; and his conclusion seemed to be justified when a second killing was followed by a kidnapping. In every instance, cryptic references to the mystic names of God had been left nearby. Were some rogue Hassidim indulging in ritual sacrifice? If so, where would they strike next?

The joke was that Lohmrot was the kind of detective that thriller-writers cannot resist, combining as he did eccentric, intuitive methods with a reputation for invincibility; and yet his investigation was disastrous. As played by Peter Boyle, he cut an enjoyably

outré figure in his three-piece electric-blue suit.

He was variously seen sitting cross-legged in front of a tiny Buddha, listening to Bach, playing chess, and nonchalantly accepting fearful tributes from hoodlums he had singlehandedly disarmed and promised to reform.

But this lofty fellow — he had, we were breathlessly informed, even prepared for the priesthood — proved no more competent than the workaday brutes in the copshop. He missed or ignored the obvious, and ended up defeated by the local mafia boss, a cutpurse version of the Joker.

What was the point? Perhaps only that there was none. It persistently seemed that something significant and South American was about to be communicated; but the truly South American thing may have been that the promised significance simply evaporated, like a bubble in the sun.

The film was just the tale of a cheap policeman and a sly criminal battling it out in some equatorial Gotham City: no more, but also no less.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

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### Multum in parvo

woodwind chorus. Yet there is no hint of parody, self-consciousness or nostalgia about the use of such conservative language: the tone is too genuine and the technique too subtle to allow that.

The original particle returns again and again in different guises, viewed from different angles, cast in many orchestral textures and metres. But the impression is not of variety but of unwavering intensity, of a penetration towards a white-hot centre that is touched only momentarily, when choir, gong and full orchestra come together at the work's scorching climax.

The piece ended this Prom's oddly mixed first half. Faure's *Pavane*, in its chorus and orchestra version, had been indifferently sung, and Pascal

Rogé somehow managed to expunge any hint of darkness from Ravel's Piano Concerto for the Left Hand, though he negotiated the technical challenge well enough. But Davis's interpretation of Vaughan Williams's serene Fifth Symphony after the interval had an admirable sense of hushed tranquillity. That bodes well for his extensive British music series in the autumn.

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# Putting a spring in your step

From seaweed baths to power hoses, French spas have a treatment for any ailment. Robin Neillands reports

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THOUGH they might hate to admit it, the spa towns of France owe much of their summer trade, and in some cases their very existence, to the Germans or to be exact, to the Prussians. In the middle of the last century, whenever the need arose to take the waters, the fashionable people of France took themselves off to places like Marienbad or Baden Baden. Apart from resting the liver and toning up the system for another year of self-indulgence, chatting to the person in the adjoining bath chair was a perfect way for the international smart set to mix and mingle. Then along came the Franco-Prussian war and blew all that taramin to pieces.

When the dust settled in 1871, the French found themselves bereft of watering holes. It would clearly be unpatriotic to cross the Rhine and mingle with the enemy but all that rich French living had to be matched with a periodic week or two of abstinence... so what to do? The answer was to set up spas at home and since France has an abundance of hot mineral springs, places such as Bagnères and Cauterets arose in the Pyrenees and fresh custom arrived for Bagnères-de-l'Orne in Normandy, which had been a spa since the 17th century.

The daily routine in a French spa is governed by the need to take treatments. The guest seriously bent on taking the cure will start the visit with a medical appointment where a doctor will examine the problem and suggest the cure. This usually involves imbibing glassfuls of the local specific throughout the day and cutting down on the cholesterol; you can

get good odds on which does the most good. Forcing down tumblers of foul-smelling hot water is not to everyone's taste but all the modern health farm attractions have now been added to this once-genteel activity.

No spa or thermal centre is complete today without jogging, cycling, aerobic classes and exercise circuits set out in the woods. Those who want the traditional spa treatments can be battered by power hoses or immersed in tubs of warm mud or pummelled by muscular masseurs or masseuses — it is hard and nasty so it must be doing you good. These are just the general run of "treatments" but as usual in France the visitor is often spoiled for choice; every spa offers a wide range of treatments and facilities but many of the French spas specialise in specific ailments.

**'The first step in selecting a spa is to decide what is wrong with you'**

In Bagnères-de-l'Orne, a pleasant resort town of southern Normandy, they specialise in circulatory and rheumatic disorders so Bagnères is known locally as "the capital of veins" (or so it says in the brochure). The Etablissement Thermal at Divonne-les-Bains throws a wider net and aims to cure insomnia, anxiety, depression, neurosis and "the troubles and consequences of a too speedy and unadapted way of living," which must apply to almost everyone.

The spa at Aix-les-Bains in Savoie is noted for the treatment of respiratory ailments and has moved with the times: the newly-opened Centre Phytomer offers six-day courses aimed at combating the modern scourges of stress and smoking. The first step in selecting a spa then is to decide what is wrong with you, but if you just need a spot of slimming down and toning up, that too is available.

The Thermes d'Eugénie-les-



Game for a try: Serge Blanco (centre) and rugby team-mates enjoy thalassotherapy, believed to help with arthritis, fatigue, blood circulation problems and depression

Bains near Bordeaux is owned and run by Michel Guérard the man who invented nouvelle cuisine. The treatments available here include the menu-minceur, a slimming menu which aims to get the weight off without undue amounts of suffering, at FF330 to FF400 a time. M Guérard also offers a special "Learning Golf and Treatments" package at prices from £132 for seven days.

The spa at Vichy is one of the oldest and most fashionable in France, patronised in the 18th century by the daughters of Louis XV and in the 1860s by the Empress Eugénie, who was very keen on taking the waters and endowed Vichy with facilities in use to this day. The present range of attractions includes opera, week-ends and watersports. For the tired high-liner the Trianon Spa at Versailles, 15 minutes by train from the Eiffel Tower, offers treatments devoted to rejuvenation and

a conference centre for those who simply have to work.

The most popular health-based attraction in France at the moment is the sea water cure or "thalassotherapy", which is on offer all round the French coast. There are 11 specialist thalassotherapy centres in Brittany alone, including those at St Malo, Carnac in the Morbihan, Dinard and Roscoff.

Thalassotherapy is considered efficacious against arthritis, circulation problems, depression and fatigue. Treatments naturally involve a lot of sea water and seaweed and include mud and seaweed packs, seaweed diets and seaweed cuisine, seaweed baths, massage, air-bubble baths, marine-mud baths and sea water gymnastics as well as the ever-popular whirlpool, which is like a giant washing machine in which the clients are whisked about in warm sea water to emerge invigorated and squeaky clean. A typical range of

thalassotherapy treatments is available at Les Thermes Marins on the Grand Plage at the ferry port of St Malo.

The Thermes Marins is good for practically everything that ails you and offers a regime which includes an Aquatic circuit, ultraviolet treatments in the beauty salon, circuit training on the beach every morning and all the health spa mod cons, including sea-spray showers, sea rain baths, seaweed compresses and underwater massage. Visitors to the Thermes Marins resort at St Jean-de-Monts in the Vendée can take the anti-smoking course or fight stress or spend anything from six to ten days on a mixture of relaxation and exercise that aims to promote well-being in the mind and body.

A classic spa must, however, have more to offer than a wide range of treatments. The best of the spas also

have a certain style and some upmarket entertainment, including a casino for the post-cure flitter. The long-established resort of Evian-les-Bains on the southern shore of Lake Geneva is just such a place, where the usual wide range of treatments is supported — or undermined — by the temptations of a casino, various cabarets and discotheques, a music festival and a vast range of activities including golf, horse-riding, cycling, sailing and, in season, skiing.

Those who simply want to slim might consider a week or two at Capvern-les-Bains, a small resort in the Pyrenees where the treatments available allow for human frailty. The eight hoteliers of Capvern-les-Bains have got together with the local doctors, fitness experts and dieticians to offer their clients *Minceur Vitale* — a kilo-shedding regime that extends throughout the resort. This includes lots of exercise and treatments but no chance to

slope off to the nearest restaurant.

Apart from those places where medical treatments or health farm cures are the main activity, there are also some places where the visitor can mix in some exercise in the course of a normal holiday. Fitness facilities are just one of the attractions on offer at the Maison Loutares "ferme de beauté et détente" at Haut de Boudarès near Pau in the Pyrenees. The owners are both trained beauticians and offer health and beauty treatments, from a Turkish bath to a bubble bath, as a holiday extra. This holiday, with or without treatments, is available through La France des Activités de Suffolk.

Thermal treatments, thalassotherapy, sea spray showers, mud baths, glasses of hot, mineral-rich water, special diets and slimming menus — it all seems light years away from the once-traditional two weeks on the beach and a daily wrestle with a deckchair.

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fish from the Mediterranean and succulent local vegetables. The hotel has only 18 bedrooms; flowers abound, a sachet of lavender lies on each pillow. It is a village of golden stone, with ancient ramparts. The church, surprisingly, has a painting by Tintoretto: this has always been a village of artists.

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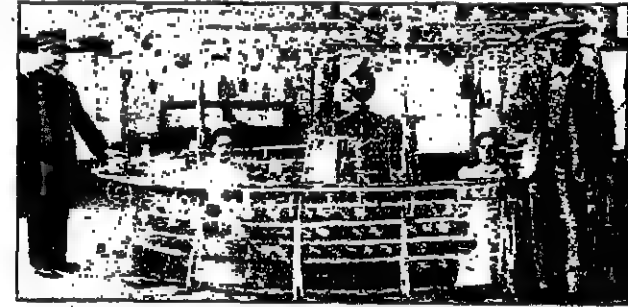
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A votre santé: La Grande Grille at Vichy in 1901

## Gascony needs you, Michael Palin



WHEN IN FRANCE

Barry Turner puts up a good case for bringing back the 18-30 club.



Not far away, there is an effete charmer of the old school, renowned for his poolside soirées, who introduced me to the top half of Barbara Skelton. She was dressing for supper when I parked the car but came to the window sans her upper layers. At 20 paces I could see immediately what had attracted King Farouk and George Weidenfeld.

Anyway, I used to look forward to a call to join the upper crust. Now, I hear, my one-time host takes a pill for apoplexy before he opens his Thursday Times.

I received a round robin the other day from a lady who wanted a get-together with like-minded English residents

to organise a book and video exchange service. I rang my apologies but suggested an alternative date. She asked me what I did. I said I wrote for *The Times*. She said she would get in touch again next year. Do you wonder I have started a nervous twitch? At this point I said that my record in attracting newcomers should not give cause for concern.

One year, a journalist friend on one of the popular dailies came to stay. He was barely three bottles in when he decided that this was the life. He promptly bought a derelict farmhouse, cash in hand. The tabloids have that sort of relationship with the banks. Thereafter he was a regular

visitor. In the best tradition of his craft he turned out to be a combative party guest, shouting at the host when the drink ran out, borrowing the telephone to ring long distance, and interrogating French notables of a certain age as to what they did in the war.

But, honestly, I had tried to do better. Outside this column, I hardly ever mention Gascony. I am certainly not responsible for the queues of Dutch and German caravans threading their way between campsites. Though I must say that the Gascon French do not seem to resent the invasion. They would like nothing better than to diversify from *l'agro alimentaire*. It might stem the tide of young people to Bordeaux and Toulouse, where the real money is made.

This is the heart of the problem of rural Gascony. However beguiling to the English and German well-to-do, usually those with secure pensions, and to southbound summer tourists, there is not enough here to sustain a long-term economy. Farming is in decline and the industrial estates that spread out from the ancient towns bypass the dole queues in favour of high technology. For now, we enjoy fine restaurants, rely on skilled craftsmen for our farmhouse conversions and enjoy the good life at modest cost. It cannot last.

We need a few wealthy benefactors. Like Michael Palin. Or somebody from Maidstone. As long as they come with open cheque books.

BARRY TURNER



Le Saint-Paul: an aroma of olive oil and basil

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Peter Ackroyd on a study of the origins of the musical classics, unmasking their political role in English history

## Conjuring our masters' voices

THE RISE OF MUSICAL CLASSICS IN EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY ENGLAND: A Study in Canon, Ritual, and Ideology  
By William Weber  
Clarendon Press, £35

The words "Ancient Music" perhaps suggest the comforting rituals of a quiet auditorium, where elaborate attempts are made to revive the forgotten sound of sackbuts or virginals, or it may evoke the solitary pleasures of the individual listener. But Gillray's cartoon of that name, on the cover of this interesting history, displays the grotesque contortions of courtiers and politicians in some parody of orchestral harmony. The point, however, is made: in the 18th century music was as much a political as a cultural phenomenon, an exercise in power and persuasion rather than a simple variation upon a theme. *The Rise of Musical Classics* is about a quite new force in English history.

Of course music itself was not in any sense "new", not even to those 18th-century philosophers who measured society in terms of its arithmetic ratios, but the idea of a "musical inheritance" certainly was. It was only in 1776, with the establishment of the Concert of Ancient Music, that the music of the past was deemed worthy of revival — we are now so accustomed to its role as an emblem of history and continuity that it is something of a shock to be reminded by William Weber that "music had no canon or classics before the 18th century". Music was simply something to be heard and forgotten — a ceremonial activity or an entertainment which lasted no longer than the occasion it was intended to celebrate.

Yet by the end of the 18th century England had become "the leader in the developing taste for old music" which, in this context, might mean Handel as well as Byrd or Tallis. How did this Restoration occur? It must be connected to the selective revival of past glories which were so



William Hogarth's *The Choir*: fuelled by patriotism, the passion for sacred music in Georgian England led to the revival of classics

much part of the time, as the "Gothic" elaborations in literature and architecture can testify, but Professor Weber also describes how it can be linked to the politics of Church and State. Nothing exists in isolation, not even music which seems to soar away from the human sphere; he explains how the

vogue for Handel or Purcell, for example, was part of the effort to maintain social stability at the time

of the American War, primarily by creating a secular substitute for a common liturgy.

There are other aspects of this cultural regeneration. One of the imperatives of the mid-18th century lay in the need for "instruction" in harness with "delight" and ancient music (particularly that of the Elizabethans) was seen as part of a larger effort towards "ethical regeneration" in a society which

was believed to teeter dangerously on the edge of fashion and luxurious frivolity. At the same time it provided the idea of a hierarchy of approved standards, emphasised the crucial importance of tradition and continuity in all forms of cultural life, and maintained a steady deference to authority in matters of taste and judgment. If "old music" did not become the exclusive property of the Tories, it

can at least be seen as profoundly conservative in its combination of "politics, music, and antiquarianism". The "Grave & Solemn way", to quote one contemporary enthusiast, was seen as a moral and intellectual force to be exerted at every opportunity. So in music we are obliged to listen to other harmonies and, when we enter a concert hall in the late 20th century, we are participating in an

activity which had its boundaries settled two centuries ago.

But there was another sense of music which played some part in the revival of its "ancient" glories: as one 18th-century musicologist put it, "the muses have of old time taken up their old abode in England". The muses were not alone in that respect, since the idea of English music as a solemn inheritance gained currency at precisely the time when the forces of English nationalism were gathering strength. The belief in nationality as a source of moral and social power is, to say the least, perfectly compatible with the idea of the nation as the home or source of a certain kind of imagination and vision. So it is interesting that William Hogarth, the great exponent of a specifically English style, should also have joined the Academy of Ancient Music soon after its inception. Was it a similar instinct, some need for indigenous harmony, that led to what Professor Weber describes here as Purcell's transition "from cult to canon"?

Yet it would be wrong to see it as necessarily a conservative reaction against the excesses of radicalism or the threat of revolution — some of the greatest exponents of nationalism were themselves radicals or artisans and, as Weber notes here, the vogue for Purcell encompassed his songs as much as his sonatas. The interest in English music was broadly based, as the rise of musical festivals and oratorio festivals amply testifies. So it was that the Handel Commemoration of 1784, described here at length, became a "national musical ritual".

The fact that there is much more to say about this book suggests the range of its concerns. It moves from the history of music festivals in Norwich to the history of the public recognition of Correlli, from the connection of music with dissenting liberalism to the lists of the subscribers to the Concert of Ancient Music. This is a social as much as a musical history, and one in which the importance of music in the life of the nation is finally revealed. If one may quote from a poet of a slightly earlier date than the cultural events related here, "So Love was Crown'd, but Musique won the Cause."

## Under a Nazi baton

Ian Brunskill

TRIAL OF STRENGTH  
Wilhelm Furtwängler and the Third Reich  
By Fred K. Prieberg  
Quartet Books, £30  
FURTWÄNGLER ON MUSIC  
Essays and Addresses  
Edited and translated by Ronald Taylor  
Solari Press, £27.50  
REFLECTIONS ON TOSCANINI  
By Harvey Sachs  
Robson Books, £14.95

Faced with National Socialism, many German musicians chose exile. The great conductor Wilhelm Furtwängler was one who did not. Fred Prieberg's meticulous study shows how the conductor was able, at least in the early days of the Third Reich, to use his influence on behalf of Jewish musicians, or in defence of composers such as Hindemith whose works fell foul of fascism. Naive and indecisive he may have been, but (unlike Karl Böhm or Herbert von Karajan) Furtwängler was not in any sense a Nazi. His discomfort when ordered to conduct at official or party events was dangerously apparent.

Prieberg's picture of a man engaged in a cunning game of bluff and double bluff nevertheless fails to convince. Wittingly or unwittingly, Furtwängler offered cultural endorsement to a barbaric regime. Every small concession he secured was paid for with a greater humiliation. His real influence was shown time and again to be negligible: he was unable even to prevent his own Jewish secretary, on whom he depended, from being forced into exile in 1935.

Why then did he stay? Ronald Taylor's invaluable collection of the conductor's essays and addresses helps to provide an answer. Furtwängler saw the great tradition of German music, from Bach to contemporary composers such as Hans Pfitzner, as an essential repository of the nation's identity, a means of access to eternal spiritual values. An idealist and natural conservative, he was as profoundly out of sympathy with the chaos and decadence of the Weimar republic as he was with the organised horror of the Third Reich: both threatened the tradition he felt it his duty to preserve.

His belief that he could best fulfil that duty by remaining in Germany was undoubtedly sincere. But his intellectual background left him ill-equipped to negotiate the moral and political minefield in which he found himself after 1933. The school of German thought to which he subscribed, which viewed politics, economics and national identity through a murky filter of art and



Furtwängler, as seen by a Swiss caricaturist in 1945

culture, contained the seeds of its own destruction.

The tempestuous relationship between Nietzsche and Wagner, for instance, analysed quite brilliantly in two essays here, was at the very heart of the tradition Furtwängler sought to defend; but it was also at the heart of that tradition's misappropriation by the Nazis. Wagner's volatile blend of aesthetics, idealism and racial mumbo-jumbo set the terms in which Furtwängler wrote his "Open Letter to Dr Josef Goebbels", proposing a distinction between Jews who were good musicians and Jews who were not, or his defence in 1934 of Hindemith, "who has pure Germanic blood in his veins". How thoroughly Furtwängler was steeped in this kind of thinking emerges in an address — delivered in 1947 — that proclaims Mendelssohn as "the most striking example of the symbiosis of German-ness and Jewish-ness".

In contrast to the vacillating Furtwängler, Arturo Toscanini, after a brief flirtation with the emerging *fasci di combattimento* in 1919, became a vigorous opponent of Mussolini and Hitler.

Harvey Sachs has already covered the political ground thoroughly in his Toscanini biography. In his new volume of occasional pieces written since that work was published in 1978, there is much fascinating new detail. It describes the circumstances in which Toscanini was attacked in the street for refusing to open a concert with the fascist anthem; the conductor's refusal to perform in Mussolini's Italy, or in nazified Bayreuth (which led to a break with Furtwängler), or at Salzburg after 1937. A chapter based on the Italian police records of Toscanini's opposition to the regime shows what a thorn in Mussolini's side this maestro was. The material supports Sachs's contention that Toscanini's political behaviour was "consistent, honourable and honest". Only with the addition of the word "foolish" could the same be said of Furtwängler.

The reviewer was British ambassador to Mongolia, 1971-74.

## Soulmates of the song

Christopher Hawtree

NOEL AND COLE  
The Sophisticates  
By Stephen Citron  
Sinclair-Stevenson, £20

quintuple chronology and a glossary) at the back. *Noel and Cole* lurches on, not only by a narrative which cuts to and from an outline of each writer's life but by its very language. At too many moments Citron resembles a 2CV on a hill.

If, rattling away, he is no Elton, Morrice or Whitney Balliett at evoking the texture of music, he is effective at analysing it. Such is the movingly hum-like way in which Coward adapted a folk-song for "London Pride" that one might forget its pertinent, contemporary contrast to another song which made some use of the tune — "Deutschland über Alles". He describes how the opening line of "I'll Follow My Secret Heart" achieves its effect — "a moving appoggiatura on the word 'life' — that it is not foolproof was

shown by Joan Sutherland, whose full-throated approach is as misguided as anything that Guns 'n' Roses might contemplate.

Citron does not confine himself to well-known numbers but is alert to some of the hidden gems (Coward's *Sail Away* is full of them), and to both writers' relish of innuendo. "Experiment" and "Let's Do It" are only part of it. Only recently has the full "You've Got That Thing" reached disc: "You've ideas inside your head/That make me order an extra bed/With an extra spring/You've got that thing". Perhaps best of all is "All of You", sung by a talent agent in *Silk Stockings* who lauds the body in such a way that prudish ears could scarcely keep pace with the dextrous effects of that surging tune. Rather less

subtle was "Jimmie Won't Gimme His Yo-Yo", to which Citron alludes in a footnote but which, mysteriously, is absent from the hefty *Complete Lyrics*.

It is no barbed remark that Citron sends one back to the songs themselves (including another that he overlooks, "Don't Fence Me In," a sublime parody too often sung straight). *Noel and Cole* heralds a series about songwriters, who are perhaps America's most significant contribution to 20th-century music, and one hopes that Citron will evolve a better format in which to couch his exegeses.

In the meantime, many recordings require an undue search. It is scandalous that Porter's centenary year included the gut-churning Shirley Bassey but not an English issue of the classic 1971 set by pianist Bobby Short, whom Citron rightly calls "the ideal interpreter" (his slightly husky voice also suits Coward well). He was admired by Coward and by Porter, who literally dragged himself to thank Short for a performance. Scattered across Short's other LPs are more Porter gems — including the Syre Maughamesque "Black and White Baby": all visits to New York should coincide with his seasons at the Cafe Carlyle, for in this music he has found continual "food".



Cole Porter and Noel Coward: playing games with their lyrics

## Ancestral voices prophesying war

Jasper Becker

THE TYRANNY OF HISTORY  
The Roots of China's Crisis  
By W. J. F. Jenner  
Allen Lane, £18.99  
THE DRAGON'S BLOOD  
By David Rice  
HarperCollins, £16.99

From Voltaire onwards, western intellectuals have from time to time been seized by an intense enthusiasm for Chinese ways. In the 1960s fellow-travellers returned from Mao's China to proclaim the dawn of a new utopia, while in the 1980s Deng's China was held up as a model for the free market.

China, however, only appears to change. The reality, as Professor Jenner brilliantly argues in *The Tyranny of History*, is a stifling and cruel oppression dating back to the Qin dynasty. In the second century BC the Chinese created a totalitarian state, only later surpassed by Mao. "The religion of the Chinese ruling classes is the Chinese state," Jenner writes in a pungent examination of why the Chinese are still struggling to escape from 2,000 years of bureaucratic absolutism.

The Qin state enjoyed absolute control over the thoughts of even the most insignificant peasant. The bureaucracy has always survived, whatever the fate of the emperors, and the highest honour any Chinese could aspire to was to be immortalised in dynastic histories as a good administrator. This, Jenner argues, has created a mental straitjacket which still influences Chinese attitudes.

Jenner, like many other Sinologists, began as an admirer of Chinese communism. Twenty years ago, reading through reeds and reeds of microfilm Red Guard and other unofficial publications, Jenner expected to find a genuine debate by a youth set free by Mao's professed determination

to smash the bureaucracy. "Despite all the fortissimo screaming, nobody had anything to say about politics," he concluded sadly. There was no analysis, no substance, only ritualised abuse. Mao was concerned, not with encouraging criticism, but with reinforcing the world views of the country's rulers. In China the state still always takes precedence over the individual.

In *The Dragon's Blood: Conversations with Young Chinese*, David Rice finds that the next generation have plenty to say about politics and it makes worthwhile reading. Rice worked in China as a "foreign expert" for the official Xinhua News Agency and after the Tiananmen Square massacre, went back to record what the Chinese themselves had to say about their country's profound cultural and political crisis. He accurately conveys the often touching despair of young Chinese surveying the wasteland of their recent past.

Many of them, Rice reports, are attracted to western individualism, but after entering the bureaucracy

usually succumb to the pressure to conform. His book also explores their questioning of traditional attitudes to sex and to the family. He cleverly evokes their alternating pride in China's size and cultural heritage and their own sense of inferiority towards richer and freer westerners.

From Confucius onwards, the official writings of the Chinese have never been treated with the necessary scepticism by foreign interpreters. As one of Rice's confidants said, "No wonder Westerners find it so difficult to understand China, since there is so little honest thinking in those historical documents."

Something has gone very wrong when a nation that comprises such a rich literary past and a fifth of humanity has produced so little of lasting value this century. Jenner blames the legacy of past tyranny and the ambiguity of the Chinese language itself for this sterility. In this he goes over ground already ploughed by Chinese writers such as Bo Yang or Sun Longji.

We have to look at what the Chinese are thinking, as Rice does, to find pointers to the future. "Ultimately, it comes down to freedom to think, and to speak one's thoughts," one of his interlocutors argues. The best books on China so far are by the Chinese themselves: most of these are, like Jung Chang's *Wild Swans*, written in exile.

Jasper Becker's book *The Lost Country: Mongolia Revealed* will be reviewed in the *Saturday Review* on August 15.

Harrison Salisbury's *The New Emperor* opens with a 11th-century Chinese quotation, "Anyone who is able to prevent violence and remove harm from the people so that men's lives are protected, who can reward good and punish evil and thus avoid disaster — such a man may be called an emperor."

Neither Mao nor Deng meets these criteria. They are seen as emperors only because of the Chinese need for reverence, the acceptance of decisions behind closed doors.

Both "emperors" came from the rural gentry; Mao's entourage, other than Chou Enlai, was of peasant stock. None except Chou understood urban problems. Mao equated his defeat of Chiang Kai-shek with Emperor Qin's creation of the Chinese nation state. Qin's barbarism was used to justify his own in the Cultural Revolution, as was Stalin's emulation of Ivan the Terrible.

Salisbury emphasises Mao's hatred for Stalin, who supported Chiang. Stalin's goal — failing a Chiang/Mao coalition — was a China divided at the Yangtze. The 1950 Sino-Soviet agreement conceded little to China. Salisbury emphasises the pro-Soviet faction within the Chinese Party, and the endless squabbles between Moscow and Peking over nuclear weapons, India, military bases, Taiwan, culminating in the withdrawal of Soviet aid in 1960. But although Mao was not interested in economics, he acknowledged Stalin as a wartime leader and

John Colvin

THE NEW EMPERORS  
Mao and Deng  
By Harrison E. Salisbury  
HarperCollins, £20



Shi Huangdi, the first emperor of China

"builder of Communism". At the same time, had as were conditions immediately after the revolution, the Great Leap — child of Mao's impatience — now brought hunger and death to millions. Discord over corrupt statistics began the first split in the Long March Band of Brothers and, after a period when Deng Xiao Peng and Liu Shaochi took charge, the Cultural

Revolution in 1965 went into high gear. Mao had decided to create, through chaos, a new and greater revolution, to destroy party and state. The horror, futility and madness of this dreadful period are almost too clearly exposed here by Salisbury.

In 1971, the defence minister and Cultural Revolution leader, Lin Biao, mounted an assassination plot against Mao. When exposed, he fled with his family. His Trident aircraft crashed in Mongolia. The age of Chou and of Deng, that brilliant military and administrative leader, had dawned. Deng returned with his family from exile, his son crippled by Red Guards.

New roads, small private businesses, private land ownership led to some decline in farming, grain imports, and also to population increases. By 1986, despite inflation, China was unrecognisably rich compared to the Mao period. But the speed of economic reform and the abandonment of Marxism were too much for the Old Guard, yet contained insufficient "democracy" to please the young. The clock ticked on towards the Gorbachev visit and the jobless students in Tiananmen Square demanding "Down with the Emperor".

In the end, the material price paid by Deng that horrible day was loss of economic momentum. His visions had "faded into grey". The human and political costs were much higher.







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Your background should include a successful track record in sales management and business development in Systems Integration, ideally internationally. You will be fully aware of the market dynamics of this sector, and experienced in managing relationships with third party suppliers. Ref 1506

## Principal Consultant

### European Systems Integration

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Critical to the growth of the Systems Integration business in Europe are the project management and consultancy skills to design and build systems of the highest quality and integrity for the customer base.

Our client wishes to strengthen its team in this area, by appointing a European expert to advise on and support projects across all the subsidiaries. The role spans from prospect qualification, through requirements specification to architecture design and project management. You will also represent the organisation at major public events and in the media. You should have at least five years' experience of specifying and designing large scale Systems Integration projects on multi-vendor platforms and strong exposure to the Open Systems area. Ref 1507

All the roles are London based, and will involve some European travel. Language skills would be preferable. To take advantage of these exceptional opportunities, please send or fax your CV, quoting the appropriate reference number to Goodman Graham & Associates, advising consultants, at the address below.

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## Account manager - UK region

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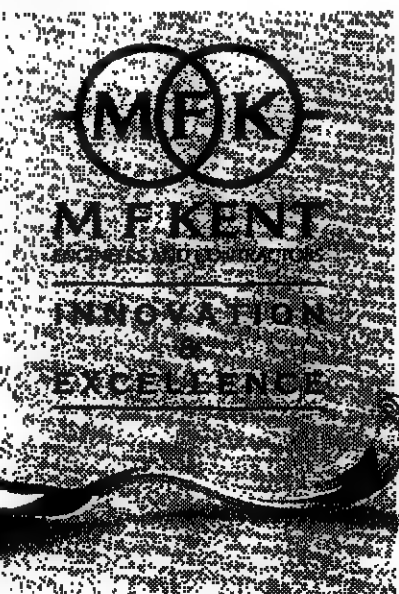
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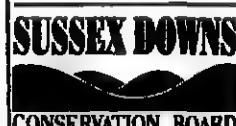
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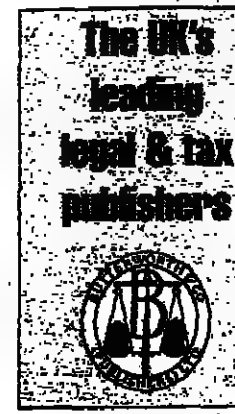
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Queen's Bench Divisional Court

Appealing against restoration

Regina v Master of the Rolls, Ex parte McKinnell

Before Lord Taylor of Gossford, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Simon Brown and Mr Justice Roch (Judgment July 24)

An appeal lay from the disciplinary tribunal of the Law Society to the Master of the Rolls under section 49(1)(b) of the Solicitors Act 1974 where the tribunal ordered restoration of a solicitor to the Roll.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved application for judicial review brought by Albert George McKinnell of the decision of Lord Donaldson of Lynton, Master of the Rolls, on December 18, 1990 that the Law Society had *locus standi* to bring an application to the court to have its disciplinary tribunal's decision of restoration of a solicitor to the Roll set aside.

On November 16, 1988, he made application under section 7 of the 1974 Act to have his name restored to the Roll of Solicitors and the tribunal granted his application.

The Law Society sought to bring an appeal before the Master of the Rolls against the order of the tribunal under section 49(1)(a) of the 1974 Act. Counsel for Mr McKinnell took the preliminary point of law before the Master of the Rolls that the Law Society had *locus standi* to bring an application to the court to have its disciplinary tribunal's decision of restoration of a solicitor to the Roll set aside.

The issue was, whether, on an application by a former solicitor to have his name restored to the Roll under section 49(1)(a) of the 1974 Act, where the tribunal made an order for such restoration, an appeal from the tribunal lay at the instance of the Law Society under section 49(1)(b) to the Master of the Rolls.

Mr Briggs began his submission by pointing out that under the Solicitors Act 1954, as amended by the Solicitors Act 1965, when Parliament first gave the disciplinary committee of the Law Society power to direct the Society to restore to the Roll the name of a former solicitor whose name had been removed from or struck off the Roll it had provided for an appeal against an order made on such an application or against the refusal of such an application "by any of the parties to the application".

The appeal was to be directed to the Master of the Rolls who had the power to confirm or rescind the order made or confirm the refusal to restore the name to the Roll or to make such other order as he might think fit.

Mr Briggs submitted that the correct approach to the construction of section 49(2) was that it should be assumed that Parliament did not intend to make changes to the existing law.

In their Lordships' judgment, the wording used in section 49(2) was not such as to displace that presumption when the words were read in the context of section 49 as a whole and in the general context of the 1974 Act.

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In re Southbourne Sheet Metal Co Ltd

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice McGowan and Lord Justice Beldam (Judgment July 9)

The Secretary of State for Trade and Industry was to pay the costs incurred by a director following a decision to discontinue proceedings against him for the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986. Any practice that had grown up in the Companies Court not to require the secretary of state to pay such costs in cases where he had had *prima facie* evidence of unfitness to act as a director was contrary to law.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal relating only to costs by Mr Peter Harry Checketts from the judgment of Mr Justice Harman on July 11, 1991 (1991 BCLC 361) whereby, having given leave to discontinue the proceedings against Mr Checketts, he had refused to order the secretary of state to pay his costs.

Mr Edward Banner, QC, for Mr Checketts; Mr Philip Heslop, QC and Mr Matthew Collings for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the appeal relating only to costs was brought with the leave of the court. The court had to decide whether the judge had erred in refusing Mr Checketts his costs.

By originating summons issued in 1990 the secretary of state had sought an order disqualifying Mr Checketts as a director of Southbourne Sheet Metal Co Ltd.

a company put into administrative receivership in 1988, under section 6 of the 1986 Act. After affidavits had been put in on both sides, but before trial, the secretary of state proposed that he should give leave to withdraw his application with no order as to costs.

In giving judgment Mr Justice Harman had said (at p363): "I think I can properly say that there has grown up something of a practice in the court not to visit upon the department costs incurred by a director who has been proceeded against in a case where there is cause to investigate... but more than that, cause to believe that there is a *prima facie* case of unfitness to be a director, which *prima facie* case is then rebutted by the evidence that comes in. So that that evidence, being credible evidence and unlikely to be destroyed by cross-examination, shows that the appearance of unfitness was, indeed, no more than an appearance."

Any such practice was contrary to principle. The ordinary rule was that when a party to litigation discontinued his proceedings he had, like a party who continued them and lost at trial, to pay the other party's costs.

How then could it be said that the ordinary rule should not here apply? Mr Heslop's primary submission was that applications, being brought in the public interest, were outside the ordinary rule.

The premise of that submission was accepted but the court was not persuaded that the rule applied in 1986 Act were civil proceedings

and Order 62 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, relating to costs, applied to them.

Many civil proceedings were brought by the Crown or by local authorities in the public interest. But except for the three cases hereafter cited, the court had been referred to no decisions which supported Mr Heslop's submission. He had failed to make out any case for the application of a special rule as to costs in proceedings brought in the public interest.

The supposed practice on which the judge relied was said to have been based on two of his own decisions under the 1986 Act: *Re Douglas Construction Services Ltd* (1988) BCLC 3971; *Re Claudrose Ltd* (1990) BCLC 2041 and a decision by Mr Justice Vinelott in *Re Austris Furniture Ltd* (unreported, March 1, 1990).

But it seemed likely that it was not until the argument in this case that counsel for a respondent to an application under the 1986 Act had developed a full argument in support of the proposition that the secretary of state should only be given leave to discontinue on terms that he paid the respondent's costs.

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A copy of the application together with a copy of the Environmental Statement and Non-Technical Summary describing the Company's proposals in more detail and presenting an analysis of the environmental implications is available for inspection during normal office hours at the following addresses:

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Headquarters  
Mucklow Hill, Halesowen  
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LEGAL NOTICES

To the shareholders of

Great Nordic Holding Ltd.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held on Tuesday 25 August 1992 at 2.30 pm at the Company's registered office, Kongens Nytorv 26, DK-1016 Copenhagen K, to transact the following business:

- To receive and consider the report for the twelve months ended 30 June 1992.
- To receive and adopt the annual financial statements and discharge the Board of Directors and the Management from their obligations.
- To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution for the distribution of the net profit for the year, including the declaration of a dividend on the shares of the Company.
- To determine the Directors' emoluments.

e. To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution to amend Article 4 of the Articles of Association for the purpose of authorising the Directors to increase the share capital of the Company to BKK 184,275,000.00 and a resolution to amend Articles 5 and 9 relating to the availability of documents for inspection and the collection of admission cards in London.

f. To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution proposed by the Board of Directors that an amount of DKK 97,267,000.00 be transferred from the share premium fund to the distributable reserves of the Company (Other reserves).

g. To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution proposed by the Board of Directors that the Company be entitled to acquire up to 10 per cent of its own shares.

h. To elect Directors in the place of those retiring.

i. To appoint two auditors to audit the accounts for the current financial year.

For the passing of the resolutions set out under items e, f, and g, the agenda, which are proposed by a unanimous Board of Directors, it is required under Article 14, subarticle 5, of the Articles of Association that the resolution be approved by not less than two thirds of the votes cast and two thirds of the voting share capital represented at the General Meeting.

From Monday 17 August 1992 the agenda and the full and complete resolutions to be proposed at the General Meeting, as well as the annual financial statements with the Auditors' Report and the Report of the Directors, will be available for inspection by the shareholders at the Company's registered office, Kongens Nytorv 26, second floor, DK-1016 Copenhagen K, and at the address of the Company's banker in London, and not later than eight days prior to the date of the General Meeting the said material will be posted to any shareholder on the Company's register of members to which address has been given to the Company.

All shareholders whose shares are registered in the names of the holders and entered in the register of members maintained by the Company will receive with the Annual Report and Accounts an order form which should be completed and returned by any shareholder who wishes to receive an admission card and, on request, a ballot paper for the General Meeting.

For a shareholder to be entitled to attend and vote at the General Meeting under the existing Articles of Association, the order form must reach the Company not later than five days prior to the date of the meeting.

Any shareholder who is not on the Company's register may obtain an admission card and ballot paper from the Company's office on all weekdays (excluding Saturdays) between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm until five days prior to the date of the General Meeting upon presentation of a statement of his holding of shares in the Company as at 13 August 1992, issued by the shareholder's account-holding bank.

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No director is employed by the Company under a contract of service.

Copenhagen, August 1992  
The Board of Directors

LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, being a duly qualified and authorised member of the Insolvency Practitioners' Association, has been appointed as the liquidator of the above named company in accordance with section 175 of the Companies Act 1985 and section 176 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

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- 10.00 News and weather** (6019631) followed by *Olympic Grandstand* and *Crickets*. Further live coverage of athletics and canoeing. Plus the opening session of the first day's play in the fifth and final Test between England and Pakistan at the Oval. The commentators are Richie Benaud, Tony Lewis, Jack Bannister, Ray Illingworth, Geoffrey Boycott and Alistair Girdle. Includes *News*, regional news and weather at 11.00 and 12.00 (69263693) 12.55 *Regional News* and weather (51973670)
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- 6.00 Six O'Clock News** with Peter Sissons and Jill Dando (Ceefax) (Weather: 761)
- 6.30 Regional News Magazines** (341). Northern Ireland. Inside Ulster 7.00 *Eastenders* (Ceefax) (511485)
- 7.00 Olympics Today**. Athletics: 7.30 the men's 5,000m semi-finals; 7.40 decathlon ends (35544)
- 9.00 Nine O'Clock News** with John Humphrys (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (6306)
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- 10.00 Olympics Today**. Desmond Lynam with a round-up of the 13th day's action and sports achievements. Plus boxing semi-finals, men's basketball and women's volleyball (352411)



Kidnapped: Nastassja Kinski with Ben Kingsley (midnight)

- 12.00 Film: Harem** (1985) starring Nastassja Kinski and Ben Kingsley. A romantic drama about a woman who is kidnapped off the New York streets and taken from a drug-induced sleep to find herself in the harem of a remote desert palace and forced to await the pleasure of a mysterious sheikh. Directed by Arthur Joffe (982552)
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- 9.00 Bravestars** (r) (7421322) 9.25 *Artifax* (r) (5) (7431709) 9.55 *Playdays* (r) (5) (6039544) 10.15 *Lassie* (r) (6893612) 10.35 *T-T* (r) (5) (6559506)
- 10.50 Film: The Fastest Gun Alive** (1956, b/w). Western drama starring Glenn Ford as the goodie and Broderick Crawford the ruthless outlaw. Directed by Russell Rouse (6898877)
- 12.15 Holiday Outings**. A budget Kenyan safari and surf break (r) (7308419) 12.20 *After Hours* (1517728) 12.45 *Bertha* (r) (82364709)
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- 2.00 News and weather** (95314078) followed by *The Kon-Tiki Man*. The voyages of explorer Thor Heyerdahl (1) (58921438) 2.30 *Romania After Ceausescu*. A documentary about a Midland's charity group taking aid to a Romanian asylum (1) (902)
- 3.00 News and weather** (4006051) followed by *Chronicle: The Knights of Malta*. The story of the Knights of St John (1) (622612) 3.50 *News*, regional news and weather (6549875)
- 4.05 Baber** (3360815) 4.30 *The Night of the Red Hunter*. Episode three (of four). (Ceefax) (6731167) 4.55 *Newsround* (9963815)
- 5.05 Record** (r) (Ceefax) (51679693)
- 5.30 Neighbours** (r). (Ceefax) (51679693)
- 5.55 Olympic Grandstand**. Athletics: 6.00 the men's 400m hurdles final; 6.20 the women's 1,500m semi-finals; 6.45 the men's 1,500m semi-finals; 7.15 the women's 100m hurdles final (1216537)
- 7.30 Film: Time Walkers** (1986) starring William Devane, Lauren Hutton and Klaus Kinski. Made-for-television science fiction thriller. Directed by Michael Schulz (Ceefax) (313186)
- 9.00 The Travel Show**. Includes a visit to Europe's biggest camping site, in the Languedoc region of France (51322167)



Stiff upper lip: Stephanie Cole takes stock (9.35pm)

- 9.35 Talking Heads: Soldiering On**
- CHOICE. The Alan Bennett season continues with Stephanie Cole's brilliant solo performance as Muriel, the stockbroker's widow who takes stock of her life and discovers that her assets have been stripped away. The lonely middle-aged woman is no stranger to the Bennett canon but such characters have generally been drawn from the working and lower middle class. Muriel, with her twin-set and pearls, is definitely upper middle, allowing Bennett to move into a different social world while continuing to explore familiar themes of classism and self-delusion. (Ceefax) (424490)
- 10.10 Early Travellers in North America: Indians**
- CHOICE. Charles Dickens, Rudyard Kipling and Robert Louis Stevenson are among this week's eyewitnesses as the series on Victorian winter-travellers explores the white man's attitude to the North American Indian. It is the usual, sad story. Although the two groups often enjoyed amicable relations, in the last resort the Indians were there to be patronised, used and pined. Dickens, on a steamboat journey, came across an Indian chief and was clearly surprised that the man not only spoke English "perfectly well" but enjoyed reading Walter Scott. When Dickens invited his friend to England, the reply was polite but suitably chastening. At least Robert Louis Stevenson, as he watched Indians wandering aimlessly along a trail, had the decency to feel "ashamed for the thing we call civilisation". (Ceefax) (971525) 10.30 *Newsnight* (124273)
- 11.15 Cricket**. Highlights of the first day's play in the fifth Test between England and Pakistan (5) (685180) 1.15 *5p Weather* (973350)
- 12.00 Weekend Outlook**. Open University preview (817907) 12.05am *Open University: Legal Standards* (2685397). Ends at 12.35

## ITV

- 6.00 TV-am** (9510934)
- 9.25 Jumble**. Cryptic word game show (5) (7428235) 9.55 *Thames News* (2474780)
- 10.00 Out of This World**. American comedy series (1) (5) (2491457) 10.25 *The Wisdom of the Gnomes*. Cartoon adventures (1) (2494544) 10.55 *News* headlines (3838693)
- 11.00 Ox Tales** (1) (3848070) 11.25 *Just For the Record*. More shattering facts from around the world (1) (5) (1366051) 11.50 *Thames News* (9515186) 11.55 *Caribbean Time* (6335490) 12.10 *The Riddlers*. Puppets series for children (5662032)
- 12.30 Lunchtime News** with Nicholas Owen and Fiona Armstrong. (Oracle) Weather (7248032) 1.05 *Thames News* (63617902)
- 1.15 Home and Away**. (Oracle) (87051) 1.45 *A Country Practice*. Medical drama series (896322)
- 2.15 The Millionaire**. Stopped Health and Beauty Show. Advice on how to keep fit while driving and how to cope with hair loss (811631) 2.45 *Take the High Road*. Drama serial (9872761)
- 3.10 ITN News** headlines (4024457) 3.15 *Thames News* headlines (4023728) 3.20 *The Young Doctors* (8855709)
- 3.50 Cartoon Time** (3349322) 3.55 *Huckleberry Finn*. Animation (1) (6518322) 4.05 *Kranies Television* (1) (3357341) 4.30 *Roll's*. Cartoon Club. Roll Harris looks at the work of pop video animator Erica Russell (964) 5.00 *Cartoon Time* (5650502)
- 5.10 Who's the Boss?** American comedy series (4230544)
- 5.40 Early Evening News** with John Suchter. (Oracle) Weather (58273) 5.55 *Thames News* (552032)
- 6.00 Home and Away** (r). (Oracle) (457)
- 6.30 Thames News**. (Oracle) (709)
- 7.00 Emmerdale**. Soap set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle) (6525)
- 7.30 Survival: The Long-Legged Marching Eagle**. The first of a new series of wildlife documentaries focuses on the secretary bird. (Oracle) (693)
- 8.00 The Last Night of Freedom**. DC Carver and PC Quinlan visit a man the morning after his stag party to question him about a stabbing that took place the night before. Unfortunately in his hangerous state he cannot remember a thing and neither can his mates. Events start to get out of hand when the rest of the wedding party turn up at St Hill. (Oracle) (5273)
- 8.30 Me, You and Him**. Comedy series about three friends trying to adapt to life outside the walls of academe. Starring Steve Punt, Hugh Dennis and Nick Hancock (4780)



Making police enquiries: Stephen O'Grady, left (9.00pm)

- 9.00 Conspiracy of Silence**. Episode one of a two-part mini-series, based on fact about the murder in 1971 in Canada of a 19-year-old native Cree student. Rumours started about the four men involved but their fellow townspeople refused to assist the police with their enquiries and the case remained unsolved for 16 years. Starring Michelle St John, Stephen O'Grady and Maury Chaykin. Continues after the news (8235)
- 10.00 News at Ten** with Alastair Stewart and Carol Barnes. (Oracle) Weather (31709) 10.30 *Thames News* (787341)
- 10.40 Conspiracy of Silence** continued. Concludes tomorrow night (216693)
- 11.30 01**. Comedian Frank Skinner reviews *Night on Earth* and there is an interview with the film's director Jim Jarmusch. The theatre feature is *Acquaintance*, starring and directed by Steven Berkoff (1) (302419)
- 12.05am Duels of the Mind**. Raymond Keene, grandmaster and chess correspondent of *The Times*, looks at the match played in 1922 between film mogul and chess player, Alastair Blair (2672823)
- 12.35 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: A Stolen Heart**. A generous hospital benefactor jumps the queue for a heart transplant (1) (1274200)
- 1.05 Film: A Full Day's Work** (1973) starring Jacques Dufrenoy and Lucie Marquand. A black comedy thriller from France about a baker who becomes a serial killer. Directed by Jean-Louis Trintignant (765587)
- 3.00 Hardball**. American police series (1) (5) (2162)
- 4.00 New Seasons**. ACR in concert at the Manchester Academy (5) (76931) 4.30 *Thames News* (4230544)
- 5.00 Videostation**. New York designers (1) (54620)
- 5.30 ITN Morning News** with Phil Roman (32197). Ends at 6.00

## CHANNEL 4

- 6.00 Channel 4 Daily** (1310916)
- 9.25 Sophomore** for children (5) (7426377)
- 9.55 Get Smart**. Spoof espionage series starring Don Adams (6015564)
- 10.20 Star Test**. Singer Danielle Dax faces questions from the inquisitive computer (1) (2491457)
- 10.50 Remote Control**. Off-beat comedy quiz game show hosted by Anthony Wilson (1) (5) (8609051)
- 11.20 Wright's Come**. A look at what the future has in store (1) (3857728)
- 11.50 Magsoo's Young Manhood**. Cartoon (6350709)
- 12.00 The Munsters** (b/w). Classic comedy about a ghoulish family (1) (21322)
- 12.30 Don't Quote Me**. Quiz based on the sayings of the famous and the infamous (1) (5) (23273)
- 1.00 Sesame Street**. Pre-school learning series (1) (78728)
- 2.00 Secrets of the Moor**. The third of an entertaining and picturesque seven-part series in which photographer and enthusiastic walker Chris Chapman travels across Eborac. This week he examines a Bronze age stone circle, crosses Landacre Bridge and climbs Cow Castle (3051)
- 2.30 Film: The Bribe** (1949, b/w).
- CHOICE. An unsung MGM thriller stars Robert Taylor as a United States federal agent trying to break up a war surplus racket in the Caribbean and running into a bunch of heavies headed by Vincent Price and Charles Laughton. There is also romance, between Taylor and the radiant Ava Gardner, though it is a weaker part of the film. Directed by Robert Z. Leonard, *The Bribe* is a fascinating example of film noir elements grafted on to a standard crime-busting plot. Connoisseurs of the film noir genre will note the atmosphere of moral corruption, bravura sequences including a final shoot-out during a fireworks display and the telling of the story in flashback. The film was among several 1940s thrillers marketed for Carl Reiner's 1992 spoof, *Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid* (58328419)
- 4.15 Pete Smith Specialities**. The role of animals in scientific research (6021728)
- 4.30 Countdown**. Words and numbers game presented by Richard Whiteley (5) (506)
- 5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show**. Children of working mothers explain what it is like to be a "latch key child" (2044315)
- 5.50 Laurel and Hardy**. Cartoon (1) (585983)
- 6.00 My Two Dads**. American comedy series (1). (Teletext) (5) (159)
- 6.30 A Different World**. American comedy series (621)
- 7.00 Channel 4 News** with Dermot Murnaghan and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) (209235) 7.50 *Comment* (451032)
- 8.00 Free for All**. The third of six up-dating of films from the last series. This week a sado-masochist explains why 16 men were killed for sex & M activities; and two Belfast teenagers examine the failure of the Northern Ireland authorities to provide the same contraceptive advice available in the rest of Britain (3815)
- 8.30 Film: Lucky Day** (1991) starring Chloe Webb, Amy Madigan and Olympia Dukakis. A made-for-television drama about a retarded young woman who, after winning a \$2 million lottery becomes the subject of a bitter custody battle between her caring sister and reformed alcoholic mother. Directed by Donald Wrye. (Teletext) (27992457)
- 10.20 Men Talk**. Richard Jobson investigates the relationships men make with one another (5) (803439)
- 10.50 Riders of the Dawn**. The fourth of a five-part drama set in a Spanish spa town at the start of the civil war. English subtitles (941877)
- 11.50 Tears for George**. A repeat of the English episodes of the Eurosar series, starring John Benfield whose obsession with his work leads to the breakdown of his wife and marriage (902273)



Cattle watch: a meaty role for Robert Ulrich (12.50am)

- 12.50am Film: Endangered Species** (1982) starring Robert Ulrich and Joseph Wapner. Science fiction drama about a former New York policeman who goes to Colorado where he is forced by a sheriff investigating a series of mysterious cattle mutilations. Directed by Alan Rudolph (429668). Ends at 2.35

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US dollar 1.9170 (-0.0080)  
German mark 2.8295 (-0.0054)  
Exchange index 91.9 (-0.2)  
Bank of England official close (4pm)

### STOCK MARKETS

FT 30 share 1791.5 (-12.5)  
FT-SE 100 2392.8 (-14.7)  
New York Dow Jones 3375.14 (-9.18)\*  
Tokyo Nikkei Ave 15983.64 (+291.05)

### INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10%  
3-month interbank: 10 1/4%  
3-month sterling bills: 9 3/4-9 7/8%  
US: Prime Rate: 6%  
Federal Funds: 3 1/4%  
3-month Treasury Bills: 3.17-3.18%  
30-year bonds: 10 3/4-10 7/8%

### CURRENCIES

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### RETAIL PRICES

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\* Denotes midday trading price

## Legal action planned to recover missing funds as bank tumbles to £64m at half time

# Standard held back by £118m Bombay fraud

By Neil Bennett, Banking Correspondent

FRAUD in the Bombay stock market cost Standard Chartered, the international banking group, £118 million in the first half of the year and sent its profits plunging by almost a quarter. The bank is planning criminal and civil litigation to try to recover some of the missing funds.

Standard's losses in Bombay are more than double previous estimates. In May, when fraud was first uncovered, the bank said it would make a £50 million specific provision to cover its losses. Yesterday, however, the bank made a further £50 million general provision due to its uncertainty over recoveries. The shares fell 22p to 418p.

The cost of unravelling the fraud and the sharp rise in funding costs in India cut

Standard's profits by another £18 million. The bank has injected \$800 million into its Indian branches to ease the liquidity squeeze in the country's banking system. Of this, \$360 million has been lent to the Reserve Bank of India.

The Bombay fraud halted Standard's recovery and cut pre-tax profits by 23 per cent to £64 million in the first half. The interim dividend is being held at 7p.

Rodney Galpin, chairman, said the fraud had been a severe setback. "The bank has never before experienced a fraud on this scale. No system can protect against collusion fraud but I believe this is nothing other than an isolated and unique event," he said.

The loss masked a strong performance in most of its trading operations. Without it,



"Isolated and unique event": Rodney Galpin, left, and Malcolm Williamson of Standard Chartered yesterday

## Mystery deepens at Swiss chocolate firm

By Martin Waller

TURMOIL at Lindt & Sprüngli, the Swiss chocolate maker, over suggestions that the group was infiltrated by a mysterious religious sect continued yesterday with the abrupt and unexplained departure of the vice-chairman and chief executive.

Ulrich Geismann resigned just days after the 72-year-old chairman, Rudolph Sprüngli, married a one-time member of the "I am" sect, American-founded but active in Switzerland.

The company said only that it and Herr Geismann, who took up his post in June last year, had parted by mutual agreement. A successor would be named in due course.

Shares in Lindt, a blue-chip company, have fallen sharply since news of Herr Sprüngli's marriage to Alexandra Gantenbein, 44, a former "I am" member. They lost 50 francs to Sfr10,950 on the Zürich

bourse yesterday after falling almost 9 per cent on Tuesday.

Herr Sprüngli, a well-known figure in the Swiss business community, had initially cancelled the wedding but announced this week that it had taken place on Friday. His statement precipitated the price fall.

The first announcement, earlier this year, that the wedding was planned led to an outcry. Swiss newspapers suggested that the firm was in danger of being infiltrated by the sect, which believes in reincarnation and offers long-distance prayer courses.

Lindt commissioned KPMG, the accountancy firm, to produce an independent report. This gave the company a clean bill of health but said Frau Gantenbein had influenced the appointment of top managers.

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## National Savings cuts rates

By Our Money Editor

NATIONAL Savings has reduced the interest rate on most of its products only two weeks after the government cut the rate on the new First Option bond to stop a general rise in mortgage rates.

The cuts came as leading societies were analysing their savings inflow for July and coming to the conclusion that an increase in mortgage rates could still be necessary. They are expected to announce later this month that they had an outflow at least as bad as June's £134 million. August, usually a poor month, is not expected to be any better, although the absence of a number of National Savings products for almost three weeks should help them.

National Savings, in contrast, made a £600 million contribution to government funding in July, bringing the total to £2.1 billion in the first four months.

## Halifax wants stamp duty change to lift falling prices

By Lindsay Cook, Money Editor

HOUSE prices fell 0.4 per cent in July, according to the Halifax Building Society, after rises of 0.4 per cent in May and 0.7 per cent in June. Some expected that people rushing to meet the deadline for the £250,000 threshold for stamp duty might have boosted house sales. However, the year-on-year fall has been reduced to 5.2 per cent from 6.2 per cent in May.

Stamp duty of 1 per cent returns to a £30,000 threshold on August 19 after eight months at the higher level. The largest mortgage lender joined the chorus for government measures to help the housing market yesterday. David Gilchrist, general manager of the Halifax, said that the stamp duty threshold should be permanently doubled to £60,000. The society also wants the government to help borrowers whose income is cut or where one partner

loses a job by extending housing benefit to home owners.

This follows the Abbey National's suggestion that tax credits of up to £10,000 should be given to homeowners whose properties are worth less than they paid for them. Also this week, both the Woolwich and National Westminster Bank have called on the government to double the mortgage tax relief ceiling.

The Woolwich also wanted the stamp duty threshold lifted to £60,000.

The Halifax has long recognised that deep cuts in interest rates are necessary for a revival of the housing market but accepts that this cannot be achieved in the short term. It said: "Any recovery in housing moves and house prices we acknowledge will be slow despite much better affordability. We feel that if the government could be persuaded to do something positive for the

housing market, recovery would be quicker. The economy as a whole would benefit."

The society says that although there are few positive signs of any recovery in the housing market, it appears likely that prices will stabilise in the second half of the year. "However, in the absence of any strong rebound in the economy generally or a further fall in interest rates, no significant recovery in the housing market is likely in 1992, and any recovery in 1993 will be muted."

New houses have fared best. In July, they rose 0.8 per cent after a rise of 1.1 per cent in June. They are just 1.8 per cent below the price a year ago. In May, new properties were 6 per cent down on a year earlier. The average price paid by first-time buyers was £47,134 - 1.8 per cent down on June and 4.9 per cent lower than a year ago.

## GKN surprises with £65m

By Colin Campbell

GKN, the British components and industrial services group, bucked the trend of generally depressed markets in the half year ended June with interim pre-tax profits 37.1 per cent higher at £65.1 million.

Sir David Lees, chairman, said the profits improvement was largely the result of "good housekeeping", but he gave a warning that the tough times were not over yet.

Therefore, profit improvement must come from increases in market share and continued rigorous attention to costs and asset management, he added.

GKN is maintaining the interim dividend at 8p a share, declared out of net earnings of 10.9p a share.

The interim profits outcome was above general City expectations.

However, after analysts' recommendations to take profits and switch to others in the sector, GKN shares fell by 12p to 383p.

The group charged £4.4 million (£10.1 million) against costs for redundancy and re-organisation charges, and

suggests the total charge for the year ending December could be between £7 million and £10 million.

For the first time, GKN published an interim balance sheet, which shows a reduction in gearing from 26 per cent to 25 per cent.

Total sales were £14 million higher at £1.26 billion, but, while conditions in certain markets were better than a year ago, Sir David said conditions in other markets



Lees: "good housekeeping"

had deteriorated. Manufacturing represents 73 per cent of sales by subsidiaries, of which 42 per cent derived from cars, 12 per cent from commercial vehicles, and 19 per cent from agricultural, defence and other engineering products.

GKN benefited from high car production in north America and western Europe, but commercial vehicle demand across western Europe remained weak.

GKN Defence was awarded a £30 million contract by the Philippines armed forces, and Westland - in which GKN holds a direct 21 per cent stake - secured a £500 million order out of a total £1.94 billion helicopter contract in Canada.

Sir David said construction-related markets continue to operate at low levels of demand, and that economic recovery in many other markets remains elusive.

In June, GKN sold its loss-making Australian scaffolding division for £20.5 million.

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## Brickbats fly as WPP escapes receiver

By Martin Waller

WPP, the world's biggest advertising and marketing group, pulled back from the brink of receivership after shareholders approved the long-awaited refinancing at a special meeting in London yesterday.

But the issue was not settled without sharp criticism from Martin Sorrell, the chief executive and architect of the group's rapid expansion, over the \$1 billion debts that piled up in the process.

John Watkinson Buckley, a preference shareholder, accused the group of pursuing a course of "volume and vanity rather than profit and sanity", which made it hard for shareholders to trust the company. Some preference shareholders, led by Fidelity Investments, America's biggest fund manager, had threatened a

revolt, suggesting they might vote down the refinancing, which they saw as unduly favouring the banks.

The proposals had the banks subscribing for £143 million of new convertible stock to reduce debts, emerging with just over half the equity as a result. This would almost halve annual interest payments and leave WPP in a position to trade out of the advertising recession without recourse to the banks again.

As part of the rescue, the banks have agreed to extend a further \$150 million banking facility, half of which is believed to have been drawn down already.

The small shareholders who filed into the Savoy Hotel were less concerned with the minutiae of the restructuring. The big battalions, in the shape of the institutions, had already given the board their

backing in the form of a 99 per cent proxy vote in favour.

In the event, the preference shareholders, including Fidelity, voted an overwhelming 99.7 per cent for the refinancing. They had been told by Jeremy Bullmore, sitting in for an ailing David Ogilvy, chairman, that a vote against would make WPP dependent on the continuing support of the banks, leaving shareholders with little or nothing.

Patrick Evershed of Brown Shipley, thanked the board for seeing through the refinancing, but said the same procedure should not necessarily be followed by other quoted companies. "Large numbers of highly experienced investors in the City have been left with a nasty taste over the way preference shareholders have been treated," he said.

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BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

Tunnelling, could experience one of the strongest resurgences, but prospects depend heavily on whether the government goes ahead with plans to improve London's public transport infrastructure, including the Crossrail and Paddington to Heathrow links, and the Jubilee Line underground extension.



also a reflection of the bank's programme of investments in eastern Germany, where it has more than 11,000 employees. It has invested more than

DM2 billion in the region. The bank is putting through programmes to streamline its business, including the transfer from Frankfurt to London of capital market operations and consolidation of North American interests.

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**BRITISH** Data Management, which came to the stock market by way of a placing in March, is acquiring the data storage business of Exclusive Group, a subsidiary of Graig Shipping, for £1.45 million. Exclusive's storage contracts generate annual turnover of £590,000. Additional revenue of about £100,000 comes from management and retrieval of data. Documents and magnetic media will be transferred to British Data's own warehouses.

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## Dow down 13 points

**Medical aid:** S&N's John Robinson (right) and Dr Alan Suggett, research chief

## Smith & Nephew

SMITH & Nephew shareholders will have to wait six months before seeing any more figures but the group's decision to abandon quarterly reporting should cause no undue concern. Few companies are in a position to make quite such soothing noises about continued growth.

What higher S&N has lost on its higher-profile consumer products, such as Elastoplast and Nivea, has been more than made up by the dominant healthcare business, where the increasing longevity of the world's population and the growing sophistication of physical medical aids, is often providing growth of 20 per cent a year.

Demand for artificial hips and knees, largely hospital-

Pre-tax profits fell 23 per cent to £66 million, but would otherwise have been more than £100 million higher. The low profits mean that once again Standard has suffered a punitive tax rate of 81 per cent, which cut earnings per share to just 4.2p. Standard

driven, is said to be expanding at between 25 and 30 per cent, with no sign of slackening. All the same, operating margins slipped by almost half a point, to 16.4 per cent, as the company stepped up its spending on new products.

Consumer margins fell a little more, from 16.3 to 15.2 per cent, on a lower turnover, affected by retailers' delayed purchasing. As a result of this

and a higher tax charge, earnings growth was restricted to 2 per cent, and the interim dividend increase limited to 3 per cent, disappointingly for some.

Smith, where John Robinson is chief executive, nevertheless remains a well-managed, financially strong — gearing is down by a third to 24 per cent — recession-proof play, selling for perhaps

14 times prospective earnings  
at 138p. Good value.

## GKN

proved market share and general efficiency" lifted the company's sales margins from 5 to 6 per cent, and led to pre-tax profits of \$65.1 million, against \$47.5 million. In 1991, the 8p interim dividend was not covered by net earnings. This time, the 8p a share payment is covered 1.4 times.

GKN witnessed savings and reductions on manufacturing and investment effects, and there was a £4.1-million redundancy charge taken against interim profits after £10.1 million. The full year's redundancy charge could be between £7 million and £10 million. GKN is heavily reliant on cars, but this area served it well and turned in higher profits while others were tough.

Transportation, activities and industrial services. On defence, a £30 million order from the Philippines' armed forces was won, and Westland — where GKN holds a 21 per cent stake — won £500 million of business in Canada.

GKN should be on course for 1992 pre-tax profits of £125 million, against £95 million, and at 384p, down 11p on profit-taking, the share trade on 19.2 times prospective earnings. Any further price weakness would be a buying opportunity for investors looking for a reasonable element of dividend security.

**New York** — Share prices fell in morning trading, affected by continuing poor sentiment from Tuesday's drop, a downgrading in the rating of IBM, which is a member of the Dow Jones industrial average, and lack of interest. The Dow average was 13,322.

points lower at 3,371.  
 □ Tokyo — Prices ended firmer, but the Nikkei index failed to keep to the 16,000 level that it had regained during the day. The Nikkei rose 291.05 points, or 1.85 per cent, to 15,983.64. Turnover was 180 million shares. (Reuters)

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## STOCK MARKET

**WORRIES** about another rise in German interest rates after today's Bundesbank meeting left investors nursing more losses as the equity market again slipped back below the 2,400 level. The upwards pressure on interest rates affected sterling, which lost ground against both the mark and the dollar.

This, in turn, produced nervous selling pressure in the financial futures market that spilled over into the cash market, leaving share prices to close near their low of the day. The FT-SE 100 index ended another volatile session 14.7 points down at 2,392.8. Trading remained abysmal, with less than 400 million shares traded.

The latest opinion poll on the forthcoming French referendum regarding the Maastricht treaty held few surprises and was widely disregarded. A more comprehensive poll is due out tomorrow. Dealers fear that a No could precipitate a sterling crisis.

BP is expected to be the main talking point among dealers today when its half-year figures are published. The shares were looking decidedly nervous last night.

with the price losing 5p to 206p after reports of selling in both London and New York. These are regarded as being probably the most important figures that have been published by the group for some time. The general opinion among analysts is that the BP dividend will be cut. Such a move is likely to prompt further weakness in the shares. That would be bad news for American investors, who now own almost 11 per cent of the company in the wake of heavy buying earlier this year and in spite of persistent warnings about the dividend.

P&O, the shipping, construction and property group, climbed 12p to 350p amid claims that the group was seeking tax concessions from the government. Whispers circulating in the Square Mile suggested that P&O may sail its fleet under a flag of convenience, rather than under the British merchant ensign.

**BET**, the industrial service group, was steady at 110p as the market waited to find out how much of the group's £200 million rights issue had been taken up. An announcement is expected this morning. The

**COMPANY ASKS FOR HELP FROM TAX MAN**

Share price

FTA All-share index (Rebased)

**P&O**

Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug

Source: Dataquest

Issue has been underwritten at 110p a share and there have been claims that most of it will be left with the underwriters.

money to buy back the bulk of its auction market preference shares that have turned out to be a costly way of borrowing

million, compared with City forecasts of between £54 million and £60 million. Sir David Lees, the chairman, said that conditions in some markets had improved, while others had deteriorated. The group would continue to concentrate on squeezing the best out of margins.

The banks' reporting season continued with some disappointing half-year figures from Standard Chartered, the international banking group, which finished 20p cheaper at 420p. The shares were hit by the news that the group had doubled its provisions relating to the Bombay stock market scandal to £100 million. The figures were still below analysts' forecasts. The group said it had increased fee and commission income, but had suffered reduced volume in the foreign exchange and bullion markets.

Barclays Bank eased 1p to 324p before half-year figures today, which are expected to make gloomy reading. They are expected to show pre-tax profits down from £378 million to £196 million, although analysts are confident that the dividend will be maintained. Barclays has heavy exposure to

the troubled property sector. National Westminster, which reported on Tuesday, firmed 1p to 321p, while Lloyds eased 3p to 336p and HSBC slipped 1p to 336p.

The life insurance companies have failed to drum up the kind of support shown for the composites. There was selective selling in the sector yesterday on talk of a bearish review from Warburg Securities, the broker. Legal & General fell 7p to 325p and Prudential fell to 236p. But Sun Alliance rallied 3p to 260p following a downgrading of the rating on one of its subsidiary companies by Standard & Poor's. The downgrading had been made at Sun Alliance's

The water companies came off the boil on suggestions that County NatWest, the broker, had become bearish about the sector. There were losses for North West, 6p to 414p, Severn Trent, 5p to 386p, Southern, 2p to 390p, South West, 4p to 394p, Thames, 9p to 407p, Welsh, 9p to 430p, Wessex, 6p to 484p, and Yorkshire, 11p to 432p.

MICHAEL CLARK

FT-SE VOLUMES			
Abbey Nat 2,400	Comix Vite 769	Legal & Gen 1,780	Int'l Bk Scot 4,700
Ably-Lyons 1,000	Con Union 789	Lloyds Bk 1,800	Sainsbury 2,400
Anglian W 834	Constr China 228	M/C Carden 784	Scot & New 830
Angryl GP 810	Engnals C 178	MERC 470	Scot Power 1,700
Asda Wigan 1,000	Environ 1,000	Miles GP 1,000	Scot Water 1,000
AS Foods 165	Eurostat L 34	NTPC 1,000	SPN Trans 737
BAA 1,100	Fluors 1,000	Norwex Bk 2,600	Steel Trans 7,300
BAT Inds 1,300	Frans 1,200	Nat Power 1,900	Steele 283
BET 1,000	GE 420	Nich Wm 831	Sunbke Bk 2,300
BIC 1,000	Gen A 917	Nich Pk 1,000	Sunth Ind 2,700
BP 25,000	Gen Acc 595	P & O 1,000	Switz Wm 317
BTR 1,600	Gen Inv 4,700	Pearson 544	Sun Alines 896
Bk of Scot 2,600	Glass 1,000	Pitzington 1,000	TSA 2,300
Banc Barclay 4,600	Grand Mat 2,500	PowerGen 1,400	Tate & Lyle 932
Baxi 1,600	Graham 2,500	Prudential 3,500	Tesco 2,700
Bell 1,600	HSBC 3,400	RMC 302	Thames W 661
Bell Chicre 1,500	Hernson 3,300	RTZ 2,600	Torn EMT 669
Bentley 922	Hilldowns 961	Rank GP 500	Tomkins 213
Bowater 900	ICI 150	Reckitt Col 694	Unwiler 814
Bristol Aero 2,400	Imperial 583	Reed Int 652	Unwiler H&L 1,000
Bristol Alwynt 6,600	Kingfisher 612	Rend Int 652	Vodafone 1,600
Bristol Gas 3,200	LASMO 6,000	Renold 1,200	Wellcome 3,600
Bristol Steel 2,400	Landsec 1,400	Reuters 438	Whitb't A 239
Cable Wire 940	Land Secs 1,400	Rolls Royce 2,300	Willm H&L 1,000
Canal 1,000	Leeds 1,000	Shaw 1,000	Windsor 1,000
Canal 1,000	Leeds 1,000	Shaw 1,000	Windsor 1,000

MAJOR INDICES			
<b>New York (midday)</b>		<b>FTSE Euro 100:</b> 1081.21 (+4.77)	
Dow Jones	5375.14 (+9.18)	<b>Brussels</b>	
S&P Composite	423.48 (+0.88)	General 5658.10 (+3.22)	
<b>Tokyo</b>		<b>Paris: CAC</b> 486.87 (+2.40)	
Nikkei Av'ge	15963.64 (+291.05)	<b>Zurich: SRA Gen</b> 449.6 (+3.7)	
<b>Hong Kong</b>		<b>London:</b>	
Hang Seng	5941.34 (+18.54)	FT A All-Share 1138.98 (+7.53)	
<b>Amsterdam</b>		FT 500 1282.72 (+9.18)	
CRS Tendency	118.1 (+0.7)	FT 300 Midst 89.59 (+0.4)	
<b>Sydney: ASX</b> 1605.4 (+7.1)		FT Food Insement 105.09 (+0.04)	
<b>Frankfurt:</b>		FT Govt Secs 84.26 (+0.06)	
DAX	1628.21 (+17.30)	Bergische 163.13	
		SEAG Volume 383.00	
		USM (Daxsmr) 117.64 (+1.16)	
TRADITIONAL OPTIONS			
<b>Last Dealings</b>		<b>Last Dedication</b>	
August 3	August 14	October 29	November 9
<p>Options were taken out on 5/8/92: Anglo Ind, Cynel, Midland &amp; Scania, Paoon, Spring Ram, Tarmac, Transilair House.</p>			

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES						
	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
<b>FT-SE 100</b>	Sep 92	2410.0	2420.0	2403.0	2415.0	5431
Previous open interest: 47639	Dec 92	2443.0	2458.0	2448.0	2459.0	25
<b>Three Month Sterling</b>	Sep 92	87.61	89.62	87.57	89.59	14861
Previous open interest: 2757327	Dec 92	87.73	89.76	86.67	89.71	12806
	Mar 93	86.07	92.09	90.03	90.02	2160
<b>Three Mth Eurodollar</b>	Sep 92	96.55	96.63	96.94	96.55	1222
Previous open interest: 22884	Dec 92	96.30	96.30	96.18	96.19	3022
<b>Three Mth Euro DM</b>	Sep 92	90.18	90.19	90.15	90.16	1324
Previous open interest: 353639	Dec 92	90.32	90.33	90.28	90.31	13549
<b>US Treasury Bond</b>	Sep 92	105-07	105-16	103-04	105-13	1841
Previous open interest: 3452	Mar 93					
<b>Long Gilt</b>	Sep 92	96-21	97-09	96-14	96-26	49876
Previous open interest: 65074	Dec 92	96-27	97-08	96-27	97-00	803
<b>Japanese Govt Bond</b>	Sep 92	104-92	104-98	104-92	104-94	317
	Dec 92	104-47	104-47	104-47	104-44	1
<b>German Govt Bond</b>	Sep 92	86-98	87-13	86-82	86-98	5629
Previous open interest: 116278	Dec 92	87-38	87-33	87-27	87-43	461
<b>Three month ECU</b>	Sep 92	89-13	89-17	89-15	89-16	446
Previous open interest: 11679	Dec 92	89-39	89-17	89-38		
<b>Aust Swiss Franc</b>	Sep 92	91-39	91-41	91-28	91-40	4020
Previous open interest: 45992	Dec 92	91-62	91-63	91-56	91-60	381
<b>Italian Govt Bond</b>	Sep 92	92-75	92-45	92-75	92-41	20426

MONEY MARKETS				
Exchange Index compared with 1985 was down at 91.9 (day's range 91.9-92.0).				
STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES				
Mic Rates for August 5	Range	Close	1 month	3 months
American	3.1845-3.1974	3.1845-3.1882	1 1/4-1pr	1 1/4-1pr
Brussels	18.16-19.2	18.16-19.2	1 1/4-1pr	1 1/4-1pr
Copenhagen	10.9450-10.9090	10.8650-10.8180	1 1/4-1pr	1 1/4-1pr
Frankfurt	2.8767-2.8343	2.8613-2.8522	3-7 1/2c	3-11 1/2c
London	240.25-241.94	240.25-241.94	46-20 1/2c	43-33 1/2c
Madrid	168.87	168.87	47-57 1/2c	44-55 1/2c
Milan	2136.40-2137.80	2136.40-2139.50	47-57 1/2c	44-55 1/2c
Montreal	242.627-277.19	242.627-277.19	0.96-0.90pr	1.01-1.02pr
New York	9.125-9.1242	9.123-9.1243	1.13-1.12	1.23-1.22 1/2c
Osaka	11.5510-11.5220	11.5080-11.5250	1 1/4-1pr	1 1/4-1pr
Paris	2.5310-2.5270	2.5310-2.5270	1 1/4-1pr	1 1/4-1pr
Singapore	10.9090-10.9090	10.9090-10.9090	1 1/4-1pr	1 1/4-1pr
Tokyo	243.56-243.80	243.56-243.80	1 1/4-1pr	3 1/4-3 1/2c
Zurich	15.87-15.97	15.87-15.97	46-20 1/2c	43-33 1/2c
Source: Reuters	2.5312-2.5254	2.5312-2.5254	1 1/4-1pr	1 1/4-1pr
Premiums = pr. Discounts = dc.				
DOLLAR SPOT RATES				
Argentina peso	1.8971-1.9001			1.9231-1.9240
Australia				

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# COMMODITIES

encouraged by hedgers volume looks to stay while medium market volume was maintained because of heavy trade buying on the closing up on the day.

<b>GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES</b>	
WHEAT (close £/t)	
Sep Nov	112.00
Nov Jan	115.25
Jan Mar	119.10
Mar May	122.00
May Jul	125.20
Jul Sep	130.75
Volume: 385	
<b>BARLEY (close £/t)</b>	
Sep Nov	109.05
Nov Jan	112.70
Jan Mar	116.50
Mar May	119.10
May Jul	121.00
Jul Sep	125.20
Volume: 231	
<b>HULPED SOYA (close \$/c)</b>	
Aug Oct	118.00
Oct Dec	120.00
Dec Feb	123.00
Feb Apr	125.50
Apr Jun	128.00
Jun Aug	130.00
Volume: 175	
<b>POTATO (close \$/c)</b>	
Aug Nov	48.00
Nov Jan	49.00
Jan Apr	67.00
Apr Jul	69.00
Jul Oct	71.00
Volume: 119	
<b>RUBBER</b>	
Nat'l S.E.A. (S) 100 lb	51.25-50.75

(officially: futures price)  
Cocoa Cede (£/tonne)  
Lead (\$/tonne)  
Steel Strip Hk Gde (\$/tonne)  
Zinc Strip Hk Gde (\$/tonne)  
Aluminum Al Gde (\$/tonne)

**JICES-LOR (London 6.00pm):** Due to a set of better American stock figures, all prices continued to drift down.

<b>CRUDE OILS (Brent FOB)</b>	
Brent 1 month	19.75 - 61.12
Brent 15 day (Avg)	19.80 - 61.00
Brent 15 day (Sep)	19.85 - 60.95
WTI time intermediate (Sep)	21.30 - 61.00
WTI time intermediate (Oct)	21.20 - 61.10
<b>PRODUCTS (BMT)</b>	
Spot CIF NW Europe (average delivery)	
Freight Gas Oil - 15	- Bldg - 220 (-2)
Coldm Gas Oil	176 (-2)
Kerosene	176 (-2)
Gasoline	176 (-2)
No. SEC. Hk Oct	186 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	82 (-1)
180 Gall	190 (-1)
<b>IPES FUTURES</b>	
<b>GAS OIL</b>	
Aug	179.50-79.75
Sep	182.25-82.50
Oct	183.50-83.75
Nov	187.75-88.00
Dec	189.50-89.75
Jan	190.00-90.25
Feb	191.00-91.25
Mar	191.25-91.50
Apr	191.50-91.75
May	191.75-91.90
Jun	192.00-92.15
Jul	192.25-92.40
Aug	192.50-92.65
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Nov	193.25-93.40
Dec	193.50-93.65
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Apr	194.50-94.65
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Sep	195.75-95.90
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Nov	196.25-96.40
Dec	196.50-96.65
Jan	196.75-96.90
Feb	197.00-97.15
Mar	197.25-97.40
Apr	197.50-97.65
May	197.75-97.90
Jun	198.00-98.15
Jul	198.25-98.40
Aug	198.50-98.65
Sep	198.75-98.90
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Nov	199.25-99.40
Dec	199.50-99.65
Jan	199.75-99.90
Feb	200.00-100.15
Mar	200.25-100.40
Apr	200.50-100.65
May	200.75-100.90
Jun	201.00-101.15
Jul	201.25-101.40
Aug	201.50-101.65
Sep	201.75-101.90
Oct	202.00-102.15
Nov	202.25-102.40
Dec	202.50-102.65
Jan	202.75-102.90
Feb	203.00-103.15
Mar	203.25-103.40
Apr	203.50-103.65
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Mar	212.25-112.40
Apr	212.50-112.65
May	212.75-112.90
Jun	213.00-113.15
Jul	213.25-113.40
Aug	213.50-113.65
Sep	213.75-113.90
Oct	214.00-114.15
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## Skulking in fear of big bad Buba

Germany's Bundesbank resumes the fortnightly rhythm of its council meetings today after a holiday break too short to allow financial markets or British politicians to overcome their chronic phobia of these rituals. The combination of domestic problems and the mark's primacy in the European currency system has, for the moment, given the deliberations of these ageing bankers an exaggerated importance among the regular events in the international financial calendar. Yet even the monetary strongmen of Frankfurt are not in a position to pull a nasty rabbit out of a hat every other week, even if they wanted to.

Today's meeting has spawned the usual bout of worried anticipation, especially in London and New York. Frankfurt, by contrast, was calm, perhaps only because the most jittery traders may still be resting by the pool. These pre-Thursday jitters have been getting stronger and will probably be with us for the rest of the year, at least until interest rates start easing. The stakes are high but the odds must be against the Lombard rate being pushed to another high this time, if only because such a decision would be so difficult to explain and might smack of panic. The Bundesbank raised the domestically important discount rate only three weeks ago, and, from the Bundesbank's standpoint, there has not been any adverse change in the economy since then.

If anything, any perceived need to raise interest rates has lessened since the last meeting. German annual inflation has fallen to 3.3 per cent. Rising unemployment offers a further sign that the western German economy is slowing rapidly and may enter recession, while the slump in the east continues beyond all estimates. There are even some tentative signs that the growth in broad money supply, whose above-target expansion spurred the last rise in the discount rate, may slow in coming months.

The Bundesbank's monetary tunnel vision may be frustrating but its decisions have been internally consistent. Interest rates can be expected to rise again, but only if money supply growth seems set to remain at present above-target rates. That will not be evident today, nor even in two or four weeks time.

## Bittersweet

The unseemly affairs of Messrs Lindt & Sprüngli, chocolate makers of Zürich, display a septuagintal Thirties quality, despite the modern device of commissioning an investigation by a top accountancy group. The latest boardroom upset at this modestly sized and normally placid sweetmaker is redolent of the days when dynasties ruled famous family companies for generations and the eccentric wedding alliance of an ageing patriarch could throw the enterprise into confusion.

Such confessions provide innocent fun for those accustomed to bow before Swiss order, caution and efficiency. They should also make people realise just how far Britain has come in updating the boardrooms of public companies and making management more responsible to shareholders. British business may have become more impersonal, but has also, in general, lost the forelock-touching rigidities of paternalism. Scandals over companies such as Maxwell Communications and Polly Peck, which spawned the latest bout of British corporate navel-gazing, need to be put in some perspective. Big groups that depend on the unchallengeable will of one individual or family are the exception, even though the lessons of boardroom failure can improve industry at large. In such matters, Swiss, Italian and much else of European industry is a generation behind. Lindt may be good at making chocolates, but in corporate governance it should take its recipe from Cadbury.

# Housing debacle threatens further subsidence in insurers' profits

Tumbling house prices could wreak more havoc than the storms and bombs of recent years,

Jonathan Prynn says

When a headline-hitting disaster strikes in Britain, such as the 1987 storm or this April's bomb blast in the City of London, the insurers involved can work out in fairly short order what their maximum exposure and loss is likely to be. That loss will clearly hit the year's financial results but, if the company's underlying business is sound, will not harm its long-term prospects. After all, that is what insurers are supposed to be there for.

Britain's insurance industry has suffered far more than it would consider its fair share of such disasters over the past four years, and the experience has been painful. Under normal circumstances, even this grim cloud would have a silver lining. Such widespread losses would tend to put strong upward pressure on premium rates, allowing the companies to recoup the disaster losses through higher profits in subsequent years.

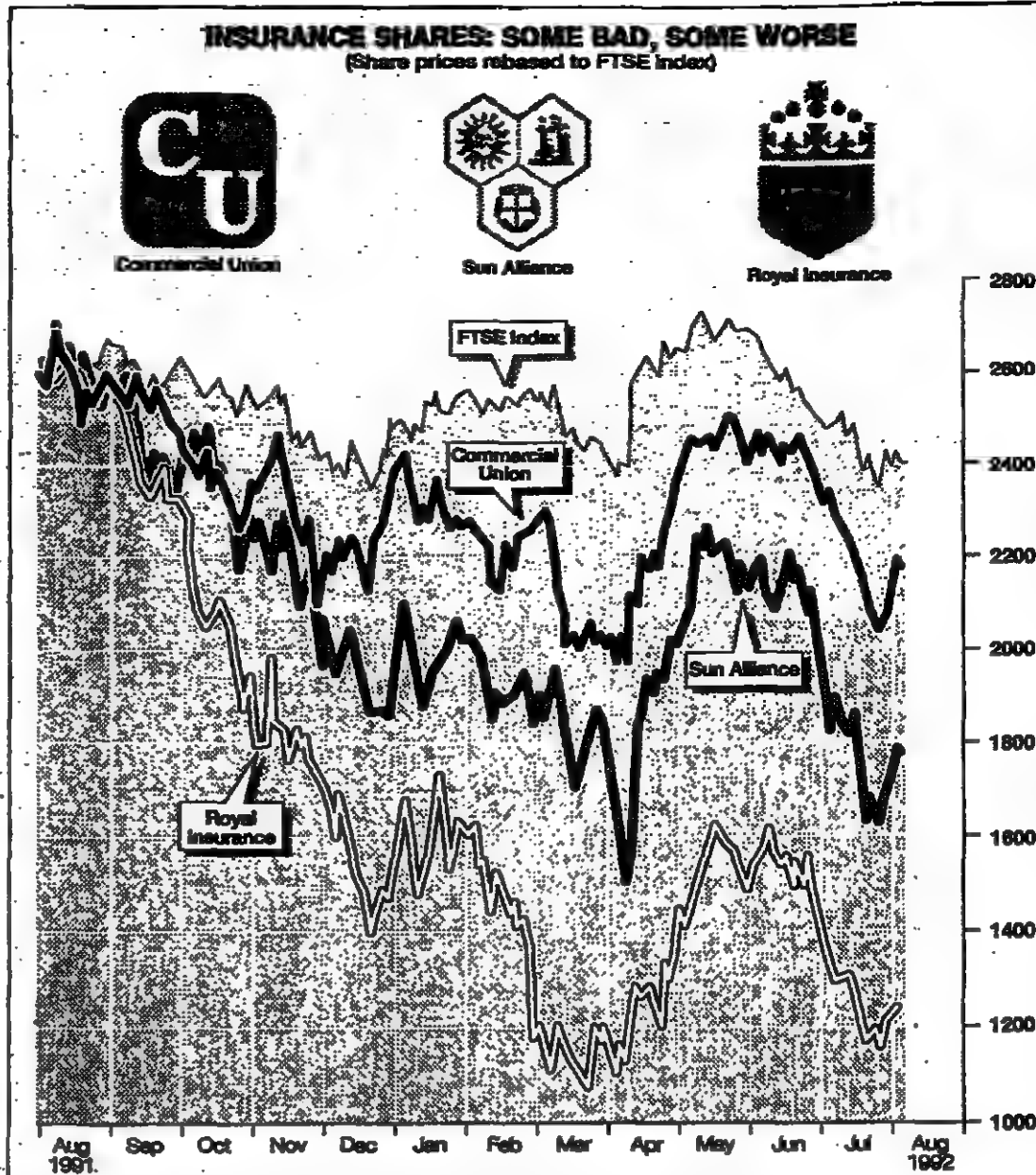
Unfortunately, these are far from normal times. The disaster claims hurt, but in themselves should not fatally damage a well capitalised insurer with sensible reinsurance protection. However, a more insidious force is at work, steadily draining the life-blood from several of Britain's bluest of blue chip insurers. It may have done enough harm to undermine the chances of one company, Royal Insurance, surviving as an independent concern in the long run.

These less calculable problems stem from the collapse of the property market. During the 1980s, four insurers — Sun Alliance, Legal & General, Royal and Eagle Star — underwrote vast amounts of indemnity insurance for building societies, covering them for losses on their loans to homeowners.

It was not a wildly profitable line of business but, in the booming property markets then prevailing, it provided low-risk jam today for the insurers concerned. Little could they have known that this apparently easy money would wreak more havoc on the sector than hurricanes, bombs, earthquakes and floods combined. Already, it has humbled Sun Alliance, the aristocrat of the industry, and left a dark cloud hanging over Royal's future.

Total losses from this domestic mortgage indemnity (DMI) insurance were, until recently, being estimated at about £2 billion, with the problem reaching its peak last year and gradually tailing off as the economic recovery spluttered into life. That scenario no longer seems likely, largely because the recession and the unemployment accompanying it show no sign of abating.

There is some evidence that the rate of repossessions is slowing but the number of mortgage holders in



arrears appears to be on the rise. Given that repossessions take place, on average, after about 12 months of arrears, it seems improbable that this year's repossessions will fall much below last year's 75,000.

If anything, the outlook for the insurers appears to be becoming bleaker. Analysts believe mortgage lenders held back on repossessions during the run-up to the general election in April, resulting in a backlog of claims that will hit the insurers in the second half of the year and in 1993. The bleak outlook is also straining the long and lucrative relationships between building societies and insurers to breaking point. The Sun Alliance has told the Woodwich building society it will no longer accept its DMI business; other insurers are likely to follow suit. The tension was not eased by a landmark case in the Court of Appeal last week, upholding the right of mortgage borrowers to sell their properties when the value of the asset fell below that of the loan. Up to 1 million households in Britain are believed to owe more on their mortgages than their property is worth.

Last year, the five big composite insurers lost a combined £1.2 billion pre-tax, with Sun Alliance contributing an embarrassing £466 million. Next week's interim results will show if the recovery has begun in earnest, after two years of disastrous figures. On balance, the odds suggest it will not. Combined pre-tax losses in the first half last year were £428 million. If that figure will at least not be exceeded, a £280 million to £320 million total loss seems probable.

Perhaps more important, the interim results will provide a further test of boardroom resolve to hold dividends in the face of yet another depletion of shareholders' funds. The consensus seems to be that most will.

The one main exception is Royal, which, with Guardian Royal Exchange, cut its final dividend for last year. Even Royal will maintain a nominal dividend of, perhaps, 1p or 2p against last year's 11.25p, despite the alarm bells that must be ringing over the seemingly inexorable erosion of its solvency margin. For some analysts, the industry's "Empire's new clothes" approach to dividend policy can have no justification. Kevin Ry-

an, an insurance analyst at Panmure Gordon, said: "I cannot see any reason for further plundering of shareholders' funds to pay the dividend."

Directors, nonetheless, would need to be brave to accept the challenge and make deep cuts or even interim payments to preserve their balance sheets.

The shares of all the composites have, not surprisingly, underperformed the share index dismally over the past year, and the fear is that only high dividend yields have protected them from free-fall. A brief period of outperformance after the election seems to have fizzled out as hopes of an imminent recovery in the economy end in disappointment.

The best hope now is that the long-heralded hardening of premium rates can be made to stick, allowing the companies to return to the black for the duration of the recession. When the recovery comes, well, happy days are here again.

This optimistic projection has its backers in the City. Charles Coyne, analyst at Credit Lyonnais Laing, is pencilling in profits for all the quoted composites in 1993 as the benefits of the 20 to 35 per cent premium rate

increases flow through to the bottom line. He said: "All the indications I'm getting are that rate increases are still coming through." This would be good news for all the composites, but particularly for Commercial Union, Guardian, and General Accident, with comparatively tiny exposures to DMI. Their losses have stemmed largely from a combination of bad weather claims and the typical bottom-of-recession upsurge in the number and size of theft and arson claims. Commercial Union, in particular, has been notching up high and profitable growth in premium income, particularly on its motor account.

Some doubters fear this may not be quite the good news for the sector it appears to be. Mr Ryan believes that the ease with which Commercial Union has apparently been taking market share from its composite rivals could herald a new round of price competition, particularly in commercial lines, bringing to a premature end the brief spring of hardening rates.

He said: "One of the things that keeps rates depressed is the fact that there is an awful lot of capital out there and it isn't going to go away." This view has not yet caught on among analysts generally, but all are concerned about the effect a further deterioration in the residential property market will have on Sun Alliance and Royal Insurance. Even the more optimistic Mr Coyne admitted that his profit forecasts for the two companies were vulnerable to a further turn of the DMI screw.

In its weakened state, the sector simply cannot afford to shoulder another catastrophe loss of the size of the 1987 or 1990 storms at the moment. In this respect, if no other, the companies have been lucky over the past two years. Although there has been a steady flow of smaller disaster losses, such as the IRA bomb and the Los Angeles riots, the British weather has been kind. Analysts shudder at the implications of another hurricane, particularly for the weaker composites. Royal's solvency margin, for instance, is already below 30 per cent and falling, so another £100 million loss could reduce the margin to close to 20 per cent and bring real concern to the insurance regulators at the trade and industry department.

That probably will not happen. Hurricanes are only supposed to occur in Britain once every 200 years. Royal may also be successful soon in selling 49 per cent of its Royal Life subsidiary for up to £300 million, enough to add 9 percentage points to the solvency margin.

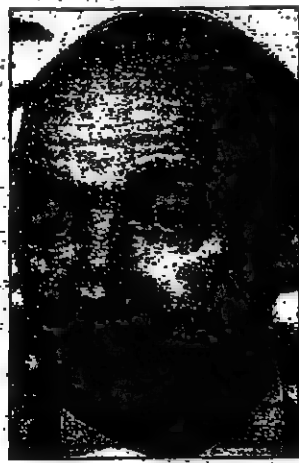
Nevertheless, the company, and the sector, have deep problems to cope with and an uncertain future ahead. In their present state, they are sitting ducks for European or American predators looking for an *entrée* to the British insurance industry.

The half-year results will see successive chairmen putting on a brave face for the media, talking gamely about hardening rates and impressive performances from overseas subsidiaries. However, the numbers will tell their own story and no amount of gloss will hide the fact that the industry is still in trouble.

## THE TIMES CITY DIARY

### Booked up for Waterstone

WH SMITH's warchests should pencil next Tuesday into their diaries, for that is when WH Smith is due to announce the plans of Tim Waterstone, founder and head of Waterstone's bookshops, which he sold to WH Smith for £42.2 million in 1989. Waterstone, who is currently on holiday in Portugal, comes to the end of his three-year contract with WH Smith, running Waterstone's, in 1993 and will name his successor next week, fuelling speculation about his next move. Waterstone, 52, has let slip to journalists that he feels he is going through a mid-life change and sees many challenges still ahead. One likely option is that he will play a key role in developing Waterstone's in America. There is only one branch, in Boston, but a second opens in November in Chicago. Waterstone's favourite city, and is known to be his "pet project". If so, the irony of the situation will not be lost on WHS, which fired Waterstone in 1981 after its American operation, which Waterstone then ran, made heavy losses. That prompted him to go it alone. Observers say they would be surprised, however, if America occupied Waterstone entirely and another announcement may be on the way. This week's Bookseller, publishing's bible, tips Alan Giles, retail director of the WH Smith Do-It-All chain, as his replacement. Giles, also on holiday, was formerly merchandise controller of WHS books.



Waterstone: options

THE Royal Mail may well be receiving a refund claim soon from Glen McAllister, a director of WBSA, the advertising agency. McAllister recently moved house and paid £18 to the Royal Mail to redirect his post from his former Clapham home to his new address. The first redirected mail arrived at McAllister's new residence but had been forwarded not by the Royal Mail as requested, but by the new owners of his house after the redirection service clearly failed. The forwarded letter was from none other than the Royal Mail and began "Thank you for using Royal Mail redirection service."

### Jetting off

AFTER a year of City criticism over its performance, British Aerospace is at last making a move that is widely approved with its strategic withdrawal from London. Tomorrow executive directors and their so-

companying retinue of assistants and public relations advisers will, for the last time, walk out of the company's imposing office at 11 Strand, leaving a head office that has been seen by many as outrageous corporate extravagance. Their new home, from Monday, will be adjacent to the site of the Farnborough Air Show, in a business park built by Arlington, BAE's property subsidiary. BAE's accountants and defence sales teams will be conveniently located in neighbouring buildings, but one of the main advantages may be the runway outside, from which BAE can operate its corporate jets — making it all the easier for John Coble, the company's new chairman, to find time to restructure the business and concentrate on staunching BAE's infamous appetite for cash.

### Paper chase

AS YOU turn your desk upside down and ransack the bin searching desperately for that lost piece of paper, you can take comfort from the fact that you are not alone. Accountants, a Californian agency, has asked 200 executives from America's top companies how much time they and their assistants waste trying to find things in the office. On average, executives report they spend 10.7 per cent of a 40-hour week rummaging around, which amounts to 4.3 hours a week or about 5.5 weeks a year. Nobody has yet asked how much time they waste responding to debt surveys.

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### Abbey National plan is arbitrary

From Mr Jim French  
Sir, The Tugendhat/Abbey National proposal for tax relief on the fallen house values of those seeking to buy another house is a non-sense because it is quite arbitrary. Why should move-seekers who purchased, say, four years ago be advantaged vis à vis those who purchased 17 years ago? When we moved, we paid 40 per cent more for our present house than we received for our old one. Now, changing valuations have made their values equal. That is arbitrary. At present, houses such as ours in highest poll-rated Lambeth sell for 80 per cent or less of what they would fetch in neighbouring Wandsworth (high poll tax). That is

market-imposed arbitrariness. Chancellor Lamont should certainly extend the stamp duty moratorium beyond the August 19 deadline. He should also consider introducing some special incentive for first-time buyers.

What cannot be generally realised is that building societies have poured many hundreds of millions of pounds of tax into Treasury funds as a consequence of their pursuit of "profits", made at the cost of much misery to tens of thousands of people crippled by their mortgages. Yours faithfully, JIM FRENCH, Chairman, Building Societies' Members' Association, 11 Oakley Road, SW16.

### Disabled workers are neglected resource

From R.E. Gutch  
Sir, May I add to Derek Harris's report on Coopers & Lybrand's survey on training and development (July 31)? Another valuable and neglected resource is people with disabilities. Where disabled people are allowed to work, they often have a better sickness record than the average, but too often they cannot obtain employment because of

the prejudice of employers. Our members tell us of training courses they take, with great success, only to find that all that is offered afterwards is another training course in another skill. Waste of resources indeed! Yours faithfully, R.E. GUTCH, Chief Executive, Arthritis Care, 18 Stephenson Way, NW1.

### Disputes on pensions

From Sir Jeremy Rowe  
Sir, Mr Galsford (Business Letters, August 4) says that the Occupational Pensions Board will not concern themselves with disputes between pensioners and pension funds. Unfortunately, he is a victim of the popular misconception that the OPB is a watchdog for pensioners and other beneficiaries of pension funds. The reality is that, except in

certain limited areas, such as disclosure of information, the OPB has no power to intervene in such disputes. Its powers in this area are, in fact, very limited: if Parliament had wanted the OPB to act as a watchdog, it would have given the board considerably greater jurisdiction. Yours faithfully, JEREMY ROWE, Chairman, Occupational Pensions Board, Newcastle upon Tyne.

### Pensioners can play vital role

From Dr Valerie Goldberg  
Sir, In your recent discussions about the relative unimportance of inflation as a factor in the economic situation, one group of people seems to be forgotten, namely pensioners, some of whom have been able to supplement their pensions with a little investment income. They are losing out in two ways: when interest rates fall, their incomes are reduced, but prices remain on the plateau reached during the last period of high inflation. Some pensioners have been through this cycle two or three times in the last ten years. The loss of purchasing power in such a large section of the community is surely one of the crucial factors in holding back the recovery from recession. Yours faithfully, VALERIE GOLDBERG, 6 Hollycroft Avenue, Wembley, Middlesex.

### Not bullish on Taurus

From Dr John Paxton  
Sir, I notice that resolutions on Taurus are coming up at Annual General Meetings. Private investors might consider voting against such resolutions as it is possible that Taurus could work against their interests. I note that Marks and Spencer plc are against joining and that is interesting. Yours faithfully, JOHN PAXTON, Moss Cottage, Hardway, near Bruton, Somerset.

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42	Bradford-Gndy	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0
43	Br Aurore	Transport	1.00	0.0	1.0

## Shares retreat again

ACCOUNTANTS: Dealings began on July 27. Dealings end on Friday, 8 August. Settlement day August 17. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

1992 Low Company		Price	%	Yld	P/E	1992 High Low Company		Price	%	Yld	P/E	1992 High Low Company		Price	%	Yld	P/E		
206	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	140	98 Diageo plc	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	72	35 Grafton-Jennett	58	-	25	-
207	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	141	100 Diageo plc	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	140	100 Diageo	135	-	27	3.3
208	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	142	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	382	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
209	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	143	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	383	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
210	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	144	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	384	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
211	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	145	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	385	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
212	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	146	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	386	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
213	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	147	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	387	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
214	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	148	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	388	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
215	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	149	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	389	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
216	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	150	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	390	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
217	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	151	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	391	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
218	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	152	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	392	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
219	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	153	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	393	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
220	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	154	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	394	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
221	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	155	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	395	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
222	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	156	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	396	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
223	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	157	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	397	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
224	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	158	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	398	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
225	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	159	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	399	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
226	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	160	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	400	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
227	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	161	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	401	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
228	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	162	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	402	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
229	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	163	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	403	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
230	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	164	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	404	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
231	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	165	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	405	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
232	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	166	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	406	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
233	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	167	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	407	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
234	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	168	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	408	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
235	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	169	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	409	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
236	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	170	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	410	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
237	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	171	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	411	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
238	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	172	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	412	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
239	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	173	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	413	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
240	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	174	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	414	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
241	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	175	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	415	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
242	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	176	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	416	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
243	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	177	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	417	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
244	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	178	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	418	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
245	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	179	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	419	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
246	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	180	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	420	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
247	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	181	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	421	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
248	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	182	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	422	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
249	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	183	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	423	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
250	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	184	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	424	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
251	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	185	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	425	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
252	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	186	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	426	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
253	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	187	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	427	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
254	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	188	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	428	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
255	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	189	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	429	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
256	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	190	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	430	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
257	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	191	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	431	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
258	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	192	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	432	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
259	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	193	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	433	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
260	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	194	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	434	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
261	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	195	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	435	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
262	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	196	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	436	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
263	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	197	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	437	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
264	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	198	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	438	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
265	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	199	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	439	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
266	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	200	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	440	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
267	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	201	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	441	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
268	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	202	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	442	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
269	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	203	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	443	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
270	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	204	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	444	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
271	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	205	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	445	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
272	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	206	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	446	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
273	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	207	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	447	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
274	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	208	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	448	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
275	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	209	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	449	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
276	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	210	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	450	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
277	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	211	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	451	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
278	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	212	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	452	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
279	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	213	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	453	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
280	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	214	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	454	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
281	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	215	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	455	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
282	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	216	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	456	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
283	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	217	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	457	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
284	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	218	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0	3.0	-	458	232 Graham	247	-	1	9.8
285	128 Unilever	191	-	5.1	5.2	-	219	100 Diageo	135	-	3.0								

ELECTRICITY									
		1992	1991	1990	1989	1988	1987	1986	1985
1	Macron	Electrical	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
2	Transport Dev	Transport	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
3	Spring Rain	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
4	Simon Eng	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
5	Low Int	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
6	Matthew Clark	Business	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
7	Dairy Farm Ltd	Dairy Farm Ltd	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
8	Daniel's	Electrical	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
9	Lokum	Food	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
10	CEC	Electrical	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
11	Ocean Group	Transport	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
12	Kwik-Fit	Motorist	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
13	HN Land	Property	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
14	Br Aurore	Transport	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
15	Land	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
16	Power Corp	Property	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
17	ATI Group	Food	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
18	Dalton	Food	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
19	Sanderson Elec	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
20	INPA	Transport	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
21	Evans of Leeds	Property	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
22	Halma	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
23	Adhikary	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
24	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
25	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
26	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
27	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
28	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
29	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
30	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
31	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
32	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
33	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
34	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
35	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
36	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
37	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
38	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
39	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
40	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
41	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
42	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
43	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
44	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
45	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
46	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
47	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
48	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
49	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
50	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
51	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
52	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
53	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
54	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
55	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
56	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
57	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
58	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
59	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
60	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
61	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
62	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
63	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
64	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
65	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
66	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
67	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
68	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
69	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
70	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
71	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
72	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
73	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
74	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
75	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
76	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
77	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
78	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
79	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
80	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
81	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
82	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
83	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
84	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
85	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
86	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
87	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
88	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
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90	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
91	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
92	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
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96	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
97	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
98	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
99	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
100	Ward	Industrial	1.00	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0



# ACCOUNTANCY TIMES

## Looking for some common sense in the Goode report

**Richard Abramson**  
says changing the  
system of trust law  
governing pensions  
could endanger  
many schemes

The Goode committee looking into the security of people's pensions will shortly issue a preliminary paper outlining its thoughts. Some strong and varied proposals for reform have been circulating but many have been exaggerated reactions to the things that went wrong at the Maxwell pension funds. The committee will need to winnow out the nonsense and produce more practical proposals if it is to achieve practical results, rather than just causing chaos to little useful effect.

One of the more nonsensical proposals is that a company's auditors should not also audit its pension scheme. Company auditors are themselves independent from the company, so to suggest that they should not be able to audit the pension scheme is unnecessary. What is more, the company auditor knows most about the company's affairs, can most easily determine whether contributions have been properly paid and establish whether there are any other problems.

Separating the company and the pension scheme auditor may make the trustees feel better, and with proper systems for large schemes can be made to work well, but for most cases it is not helpful. The pension audit must, however, be given its due importance, not taking second place to the company audit, and needs to be upgraded in status, using trained specialists.

Another apparently simple proposal that does not bear examination is that all pension



The Maxwell affair spawned demands for new pensions law

scheme assets should be physically designated as belonging to the trustees.

The largest fund managers operate sophisticated systems to track investments and their ownership. These depend, in varying degrees, upon pooling of investments. The systems can be checked and verified, and indeed trustees should ask for evidence that they are reliable. But would trustees be happy to bear the additional expense of completely changing the system, and what advantage will it give them? The abuse of the pooling system which was most evident in the Maxwell frauds resulted from a complete absence of proper controls.

Neither company registrars nor the Stock Exchange system might be able to cope with the enormous increase in paperwork that would accompany full designation of the ownership of stock belonging to each pension fund. This could lead to a reduction in security, the opposite of what is intended.

At the very least, dramatic changes and further delays

should be expected before Taurus, the Stock Exchange's new paperless stock transfer and registration system, could be introduced.

The Maxwell affair spawned demands that the regulation of pension schemes through the body of trust law should be replaced by a new and clear codification of pension law. This has superficial attractions but would endanger the foundation of the

penalties for non-compliance were also much clearer. The Occupational Pensions Board or a similar body could be given authority to take action against trustees failing in their more clearly defined duties.

An apparently sensible suggestion to the Maxwell case was that all schemes should have independent trustees. Even this is unnecessary. Some companies and members may

### A pension act must be framed to point out to trustees their duties in simple terms

many thousands of pension schemes set up under existing law. Rather, a pension act should be framed to codify the important requirements of trust law as they apply to pension schemes. This may not change much in legal theory, but in practice it will help to be able to point out to trustees their duties in simple terms. This requires legislative drafting of the highest order. I am not hopeful. It would help

prefer this, but in the main the pension scheme is the vehicle by which the company provides pensions for its employees, and should be "owned" by the company and the employees. In law, trustees are not representatives of different groups, but purely trustees. In practice, as human beings, they are likely to reflect the views of the group they are part of, whether employees, pensioners or management.

## For the profession this is a tragedy

LET us today consider the case of Brandon Gough, the senior partner of Coopers & Lybrand. There is absolutely no doubt that he is a thoroughly good man. He has been a credit to the accountancy profession. His firm is the largest in the land. He does good works. He chairs the charity Common Purpose, which provides the most constructive long-term hope for creating harmony and growth in our inner cities. The Goughs are restoring the first garden created by Harold Nicholson and Vita Sackville-West and open it to the public for charity.

When he became senior partner at the age of 44 in 1982 he had a hard act to follow. Sir Henry, now Lord, Benson had been one of the two main architects of Coopers' great post-war success and David Hobson had consolidated that growth with a tough-minded determination. But Gough had done much work with Hobson. When he was unveiled into the room smiling shyly as though he was about to receive a new bicycle as a birthday present rather than take over the running of one of the greatest professional firms in the land.

So what, may we ask, is he doing while his insolvency people show every appearance of giving the poor old English ICA such a run-around over the Polly Peck disciplinary hearing? Last week his fellow partners, Michael Jordan and Richard Stone, finally made an appearance before the Institute's disciplinary panel to answer the charges that they should not have taken on the Polly Peck administration, which has since brought them in an enormous quantity of fees, because of alleged conflicts of interest. Originally this hearing should have taken place in May. But Jordan and Stone argued that they hadn't had enough time to sort themselves out and a delay until July was allowed.

So last week the hearing finally got under way. It took place behind closed doors but was, by all accounts, a crowded and confusing affair, there being more lawyers in the room than you would find at a lunchtime session in the back bar of the Wig and Plintiff.

Then on Thursday evening it all came to an end, for the time being. The four days allocated had not been long enough for Coopers' bewy lawyers. And this week they were all going to be busy on other things and therefore unavailable. The Institute agreed with Coopers that mid-morning Friday they would jointly announce that the hearing had been adjourned until the lawyers could all be

rounded up again. And the harassed staff at the Institute's professional conduct department prepared to negotiate a new resumption date with Coopers.

There are, it has to be said, faults on both sides in this sorry saga. The Institute's disciplinary system is plainly not designed to cope with a case of this size or importance. A team of three people headed by a worthy sole practitioner from Cardiff may be fine for working out whether a train fare dodger has brought his profession into disrepute, but now has to deal with Coopers partners and the finest lawyers that insolvency fees can buy.

Equally, the efforts the Institute was making this week to try to open up the workings of its disciplinary process should be encouraged but they are also far too late. One of the Institute's own disciplinary committee members has already been refused permission to sit in on the Jordan and Stone hearing as an observer. The Institute appears to have allowed itself to be pushed around by a member firm just at a time when it is trying to prove to the world that it is powerful and respected enough to keep the firms in order. Which is why we have to come back to Brandon Gough in all this. It may be that he is hampered by events before his time.

When Cork Gully, the greatest insolvency firm of its era, joined Coopers in 1981 it did not merge completely into the firm. Cork Gully partners argued hard that it should be allowed to retain a separate identity and culture within the new structure. The incoming partners also argued that the name of Cork Gully carried respect and

prestige and should be retained. This happened the year before Gough took over. So it could be argued that he inherited the problem. But it happened over a decade ago. It should have been sorted out by now. Michael Jordan has never seemed happy working in a larger organisation and does not always get on with audit people.

For the profession all this is a tragedy. The whole concept of independence and avoiding any conflict of interest goes to the heart of its ethos. For a case as important as this to drift helplessly unresolved for so long is a scandal. The Institute is trying its best to unravel it. But it has never been very good at that sort of thing. In the end it comes down to Gough as a leader. He should insist that the whole affair is resolved one way or the other and fast.

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Gooch-Atherton partnership is broken up

# Stewart wins his opening argument for Oval Test

By Alan Lee, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

MICKY Stewart's influence over the England Test team officially ends at the Oval this week but the influence of his son, Alec, has clearly never been stronger. At his own request, Stewart junior will open the batting against Pakistan in the final Test, which starts today, even if he has previously spent two days keeping wicket.

This shift of policy, confirmed yesterday by the captain, Graham Gooch, reflects Stewart's growing concern that his duties as an expedition wicketkeeper are in danger of undermining his hard-earned status as a specialist batsman.

A year ago, Stewart happily put on the gloves, recognising it as his means of staying in the side. Things have moved on and Stewart, his place established by four centuries in five Tests, is no longer willing to compromise his batting future. He keeps wicket ever more reluctantly but his wish to go in first has been granted. Although this means

the summary scrapping of the Gooch-Atherton partnership, reinstated at Headingley and responsible for seven century stands in 14 Tests, Stewart is justified in his stance.

Gooch admits, however, that this twinning of two key jobs "does present us with a problem, which we must review before the winter". It will be a particularly thorny problem if this game follows the same course as the corresponding Test here five years ago, in which Pakistan, batting first, amassed 708.

The solution, of course, would have been to recall Jack Russell who, as Gooch concedes, "has done nothing wrong". But the unwillingness to give Chris Lewis authentic all-round status and bat him at No. 6 means that the wicketkeeping job is regrettably endangered whenever five front-line bowlers are demanded.

"We must have the extra bowler here if we are to bowl out Pakistan twice," Gooch

said. "This looks a typical Oval pitch. It doesn't often do a lot off the wicket and it is a struggle to get people out."

The two bowlers who did that job dramatically against West Indies this time last year, were both on the ground yesterday, though David Lawrence was here only as a spectator. His strike role passes to Devon Malcolm but Phil Tufnell, who spun out six West Indians on a crazy Saturday afternoon, is sporting a severe new haircut and dreaming of something similar.

Both last year and this, Tufnell has had to wait until the Oval to play his first Test of the series but, for all his evident frustrations, he could not hope to return in more suitable conditions. Harry Brind, the groundsman, has produced a dry pitch, bare at the ends, and is confident that it will be quick and will support spin. Unfortunately for England, these characteristics are likely to suit the

Pakistan bowlers even more than their own and, with Aqib Javed declared first following a workout yesterday, the most impressively varied four-man attack Test cricket has seen in many a year is capable of winning it for them.

Much attention has been focused on the shabby side of Pakistan's performances. It is only right that their better side should now be acclaimed. Even outside the Test series, on which many a touring team concentrates to the detriment of all else, they have been stunningly competitive. Their achievement in winning eight of their 11 first-class games against the counties has restored the stature of the tour game, quite apart from demonstrating the durability of their main bowlers.

But inevitably, their conduct will be under the microscope throughout this game. It will be a test of many things, notably the enforcement of cricketing law, written and unwritten, on and off the field.

Pakistan's supporters have been as badly behaved as some of their players, pitch invasions in Manchester and Leeds being followed by the disgraceful scenes which forced the floodlit match at Crystal Palace to be abandoned last week. This trend must be halted.

Invariably in sport, however, the terraces reflect the mood on the field, and it is here that Javed Miandad must grasp his responsibility. Five years ago on this ground, he scored 260. It would be a still greater achievement if he could now prove he is a genuine leader by imposing peace on this sensitive finale.

## Venue that Pakistan enjoy

VISITING batsmen have long found the Oval, where the fifth Test match starts today, the English ground most conducive to their methods (Simon Wilde writes). The extra bounce the hard pitches offer reminds them of home and they have sated their appetite in recent years.

Twelve months ago, West Indies took the match into the penultimate hour despite collapsing badly in their first innings. In 1990, India scored 606 for nine declared and in

1989 Australia made 468 and 219 for four declared.

Pakistan, in particular, have enjoyed batting at the Oval. In their last two Tests there they scored 600 for nine declared in 1974 and 708 five years ago. Their run-scoring was led, respectively, by Zaheer Abbas, who batted nine hours for 240, and Javed Miandad, their captain today, who occupied the crease for over ten hours for 260.

On both occasions, England comfortably saved the

game. They have not, in fact, lost a Test at the Oval to any country other than West Indies since 1972.

Pakistan have another reason to remember the Oval with fondness: in 1954 there, they became the first Test team to win a Test during their first series in England.

RESULTS (since 1954): England 2, Pakistan 1, draws 2. RECORDS (England bats): Highest totals: 445 (1974), 708 (1989). Lowest totals: 130 (1954), 133 (1984). Highest innings: 183 D. Amiss (1974), 260 Javed Miandad (1989). Best bowling: 7-66 J. H. Wood (1954), 5-66 Fazal Mahmood (1954).

### FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES

England - batting and fielding	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	100	50	St
G A Gooch	12	18	1	1392	180	77.00	6	5	13
D Gower	14	22	5	978	156	51.11	1	8	12
D R Pridmore	10	9	3	282	102	49.98	1	2	2
M R Ramnarain	1	1	0	118	44	118.00	0	1	1
A J Stewart	14	24	3	905	130	43.08	0	4	12
M A Atherton	16	29	6	1033	140	43.53	0	6	12
C L Lewis	11	15	2	827	134	40.33	0	3	9
C R Smith	12	18	2	818	127	38.82	0	3	7
N A Malhotra	9	13	3	818	127	38.82	0	3	7
P R Tufnell	9	9	3	385	111	11.86	0	0	2
D E Malcom	14	12	3	87	26	10.77	0	0	4
T A Munton	13	14	8	78	25	9.75	0	0	4

Bowling

N A Malhotra 300.2 67 88.3 4 21.58 5-29 3-1

T A Munton 451 120 118 44 26.25 5-29 3-1

D R Pridmore 249.5 65 71.4 25 26.56 3-31

C C Lewis 367.3 72 104.4 33 31.83 5-74

C R Smith 392.3 89 91.8 28 32.62 5-85

G A Gooch 60 20 18 8 33.00 3-39

D E Malcom 318.8 38 125.9 30 117.3 4-70

M A Atherton 74.1 9 34.3 4 85.75 2-108

ALSO BOWLED: Stewart 2-1-40; Smith 7-5-40-40; Ramnarain 11-1-44-0.

### DETAILS

England (from): G A Gooch (capt), A J Stewart, M A Atherton, D I Gower, R A Marsh, N A Malhotra, C C Lewis, D R Pridmore, T A Munton.

Pakistan (from): Javed Miandad (capt), Aamer Sohail, Ramiz Raja, Shoaib Mohammad, Naved Aslam, Waqar Younis, Mushtaq Ahmed, Agha Javed.

Wearn Almon 410.4 8 115.1 6 18.36 5-43 4-1

Aamer Sohail 60 26 15.9 6 19.75 3-31

Mushtaq Ahmed 64.3 14 6.9 2 24.30

Waqar Younis 253.1 41 82.4 31 26.58 5-22

Agha Javed 216.5 37 74.1 26 24.50 4-41

Mushtaq Ahmed 129.1 15 25 9 26.11

ALSO BOWLED: Shoaib 21-4-25; Imran 1-0-0-0; Salim Malik 18-1-0-71-3

Compiled by Richard Liddwell Source: TCCB/Est

## Inexperience is no handicap to Essex

By Ivo Tennant

CHELMSFORD (second day of three): Essex, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 178 runs behind Northamptonshire

ONE of the many reasons why Essex are the champion county is the team's belief in giving younger players as many opportunities as possible. The middle order, as inexperienced as any Essex can have put out for many a year, was not found wanting yesterday on a pitch that had much in it for the competent finger spinner.

Half centuries by Knight and Hussain, with an additional opening partnership of 113 between Pritchard and Stephenson, left Essex needing a further 29 runs to save the follow-on today. Northamptonshire, clearly reckoning they had the spinners to bowl them out, had added a further 78 before declaring in the morning.

Yet the spinner who most inconvenienced the batsmen was not Cook (with 15 Test caps) or Roberts (called up by England this season to give them practice against leg spin), but Bailey, who bowls only occasional off-breaks. It offered a clue why Northamptonshire are not as far up the championship table as they should be, given the sum of their talent.

It was well after tea before



Hussain impressed

Cook took a wicket, but by then Essex were on their way to averting the follow-on. If one-day cricket has dulled Cook's art, he is not alone in that. A variety of injuries has not helped either, in that his 15 championship wickets have been taken in nine matches. Very soon, Northamptonshire will have to give Pearson, their Cambridge Blue, a decent run.

Not that Roberts was brought on until Stephenson and Pritchard - who would not have played had Essex not been so short of batsmen - had made 93 for the first wicket. His one success was to have Lewis taken at silly point off bat and pad. Northamptonshire's fielding was, in fact, pretty sharp all day.

It was not to the spinners but Ambrose to whom Northamptonshire were looking to rid themselves of the lower order late in the day. If Pritchard had played the most gritty innings, considering his achilles tendon trouble, Stephenson the most venomous, and Hussain the most venomous, Knight's was the most valued.

Strong off his legs and equally adept at coping with anything short from Ambrose as he was with the eclectic spinners, he saw his side through to the close. If they manage to save the follow on this morning, rest assured they will still try to make a game of it. It is the Essex way.

### YESTERDAY'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP SCOREBOARDS

#### Lancashire v Surrey

LYTHAM (second day of three): Surrey, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 123 runs behind Lancashire

Lancashire: First innings 376 for 3 declared. M P Crowley 172, N J Hogg 88, N H Pridmore 66 not out. BOWLING: M P Crowley 17-1-55-1; Benjamin 12-1-33-0; Botham 27-4-103-2; Kendrick 41-5-143-2; Lynch 3-0-24-0.

#### Surrey: First innings

D J Bicknell not out 150

A J Adair c Crowley b Ben 120

G P Thorpe c Williamson b Pison 98

M A Lynch not out 14

Extras (b 4, lb 2, w 1, nb 0) 14

Total (8 wickets, 81 overs) 283

A D Brown, D M Wind, M K Kendrick, J E Burgess, M P Bicknell, J Belling and J E Benjamin to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-88, 2-212.

Bonus points: Lancashire 4, Surrey 3.

Umpires: J D Bond and G Burgess.

#### Durham v Yorks

DURHAM UNIVERSITY (second day of three): Yorkshire, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, need 26 to beat Durham

DURHAM: First innings 214 (N Llewellyn 67; M A Robinson 6 for 57)

W Llewellyn b Jarvis 0

S Hutton c Bailey b Jarvis 0

P Bicknell run out 27

M P Barnes b Hogg 10

J Smith b Robinson 8

P J Berry b Robinson 10

IC W Scott c Kellert b Jarvis 34

N H Hogg not out 52

A Gray not out 32

S P Hughes b Robinson 1

Extras (b 2, lb 0, w 1, nb 0) 1

Total 182

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-88, 2-212, 3-222, 4-41, 5-42, 6-80, 7-88, 8-154

BOWLING: Jarvis 15-4-43-4, Robinson 20-15-44-4, Hogg 11-0-11-1, Tindall 10-0-0-0, Cane 1-0-0-0, Mason 3-0-7-0.

YORKSHIRE: First innings 25

S A Kellert b Hughes 6

D Bess b Jarvis 37

S P Tindall c Scott b Hughes 23

H J Bailey c Smith b Hughes 10

C White b Jarvis 6

P W Jarvis c Bicknell b Hughes 6

P Cane b McEwen b Hughes 6

P J Hogg c Scott b Robinson 0

M A Robinson not out 4

Extras (b 1, lb 1, w 1, nb 0) 1

Total (14 wickets) 108

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-45, 3-46, 4-67, 5-84, 6-85, 7-88, 8-96, 9-101

BOWLING: Botham 21-2-70-4, Hughes 10-4-25-5, McEwen 5-0-10-1

Second innings

M D Mason c Jarvis b Gray 44

S A Kellert c Scott b McEwen 38

C W J Bailey c Pritchard b Evans 133

A J Wright b P Pritchard 10

S W Bailey c Pritchard b Crowley 10

R J Scott b Evans 65

R C Russell c Pritchard b Evans 0

Total (8 wickets) 85

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-70, 2-78

Bonus points: Durham 6, Yorkshire 4.

Umpires: D O Oakes and M J Nicholls.

#### Derbyshire v Leics

ILKESTON (second day of three): Derbyshire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 334 runs ahead of Leicestershire

Derbyshire: First innings 388 (G O Cook 83; J E Gurney 4 for 55)

J E Gurney not out 101

J E Morris c Gurney b Mulvey 107

T J O'Connor not out 12

Extras (b 1, lb 0, w 1, nb 0) 12

Total (5 wickets) 288

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-282.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First innings

P H Hoggworth c O'Connor b Cook 1

E B Fry not out 23

J J Whitaker b Bishop 26

T J Bosc c Adams b Griffin 18

W P Barnes c Pritchard b Griffin 4

L Potter c Cook b Griffin 0

N Mason c Morris b Mulvey 5

A J Gurney c Adams b Cook 4

G J Mulvey not out 2

Extras (b 10, lb 2, w 1, nb 0) 16

Total (9 wickets) 180

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-58, 3-100, 4-102, 5-103, 6-118, 7-126, 8-140, 9-162

BOWLING: Bishop 18-1-52-1; Cook 18-12-53-3; Mulvey 15-1-11-1; Griffin 11-3-33-4

Bonus points: Derbyshire 7, Leicestershire 4.

Umpires: J W Holder and G Shepp.

#### Kent v Middlesex

CANTERBURY (second day of three): Kent, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 57 runs ahead of Middlesex

Kent: First innings 278 (R L Spooner 65)

T R Ward not out 4

M R Bannister not out 18

Extras (b 1) 1

Total (no wickets) 29

MIDDLESEX: First innings

D L Hughes not out 32

T R Ward not out 4

M R Bannister not out 18

Extras (b 1) 1

Total (no wickets) 29

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-0, 3-0, 4-0, 5-0, 6-0, 7-0, 8-0, 9-0

Bonus points: Kent 6, Middlesex 4.

Umpires: J W Holder and G Shepp.

#### Nottinghamshire v Gloucestershire

GLoucestershire: First innings

G O Cook c Bailey b Evans 133

C W J Bailey c Pritchard b Evans 10

A J Wright b P Pritchard 10

S W Bailey c Pritchard b Crowley 10

R J Scott b Evans 65

R C Russell c Pritchard b Evans 0

Total (8 wickets) 85

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-70, 2-78

Bonus points: Durham 6, Yorkshire 4.

Umpires: D O Oakes and M J Nicholls.



Watching brief: England's manager studies Manton's bowling in the nets

## Lathwell defies Donald bouncers

By Richard Streeton

TAUNTON (second day of three): Somerset, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 146 runs ahead of Warwickshire

THREE bouncers by Allan Donald in a dramatic over against Lathwell, at the start of Somerset's second innings, brought the South African fast bowler a final warning yesterday. The incident epitomised a tensely contested day's play, which included other frustrations for Warwickshire as they strove to maintain their championship challenge.

During Donald's stormy over, Lathwell nudged his stumps evading the second of the three fast, short pitched balls. It soared over the wicketkeeper's head to the boundary. Seeing a ball dislodged, the Warwickshire players vehemently appealed. They wrongly believed that Lathwell was out because the wicket looked to be broken before the call came from the umpire, Vanburn Holder.

Donald at this point received his first warning for exceeding more than one bouncer at the same batsman in an over. He immediately bowled another and received his final warning. A third offence will bar him from further bowling.

Lathwell seemed unperturbed by the incident and hit a back-foot four past mid-off on Donald's next ball. Lathwell went on to make 71 marked by one chance at 64 to 100 leg off Bell before he was third out. He hit 12 fours in a remarkably mature and composed response from someone who is only 20 and in his first full season.







Women's captain matches Christie to break 28-year track drought

## Glorious Gunnell grabs gold

FROM DAVID POWELL  
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT  
IN BARCELONA

SALLY Gunnell last night won the first Olympic track gold medal by a British woman for 28 years when her strength and technique carried her to victory in the 400 metres hurdles. Britain now has a golden double from its two captains, following Linford Christie's 100 metres triumph on Saturday.

Gunnell, aged 26, from Brighton, was a long time coming to the one-lap hurdles, starting out as a long jumper, switching to multi events, then becoming a sprint hurdler. It was not until 1987, when she realised she could never make an Olympic final as a sprint hurdler, that she moved up in distance. A year later, she was fifth in the Olympic Games in Seoul and the promise of what might happen in Barcelona had been noticed.

The year of Seoul was her first full one as a 400 metres hurdler. In finishing fifth, she took the British record down to 54.03sec. Sixteen months later, she won the Commonwealth title, beating Debbie Flintoff-King, the Olympic champion. "I started to think: 'Why me? Can this go on?'" Now she knows the answer.

Last year, in the world championships in Tokyo, when she set a British record of 53.16sec, Gunnell was narrowly beaten to the gold medal by Tatyana Ledovskaya, from Minsk, but she was never in the hunt yesterday. While Gunnell won in 53.23sec, just outside her British record but her fastest of the year, Ledovskaya was fourth in 54.31.

The opponent who gave Gunnell the greatest trouble was Sandra Farmer-Patrick, of the United States. Farmer-Patrick, drawn in lane four, one outside Gunnell, was side by side with the Briton as they approached the eighth hurdle. Gunnell took it slightly the



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better, but there was still little to choose between them as they approached the ninth.

It was between the ninth and tenth flights that Gunnell won the race, using her power to surge ahead of the rangy American. Farmer-Patrick, taller and considerably less compact in technique than Gunnell, was a metre down coming off the last and three metres behind at the finish.

As Gunnell crossed the line, she threw her arms up, just as Christie had. The last woman to win a British gold medal on the track was Ann Packer, over 800 metres in 1964, though Mary Peters won the pentathlon in 1972 and Tessa Sanderson the javelin in 1984. The parallel with Packer will continue after the Olympics: she is due to marry, as did Packer, immediately after returning from Tokyo.

In the Olympic stadium to celebrate with her was Jon Bigg, the middle distance runner she will marry on August 19. Will she now be Sally Bigg? "I have tried for so many years to get my name up there I won't be changing it now," Gunnell said.

Winning by almost half a second, Gunnell had every right to indulge herself in a long drawn-out lap of honour. Farmer-Patrick was second in 53.69 and Janeene Vickers, of the United States, third in 54.31. To beat the entire field, except for one, by more than a second was an extraordinary achievement.

"Everyone told me that if I came off the eighth hurdle up there with the leaders, I was the strongest and I would do it," Gunnell said. "Linford was the men's captain and he won gold and I just wanted to go out there and follow in his footsteps."

Sally Gunnell  
Born: July 29, 1966, Chigwell, Essex.  
Pacton, Essex. Single. Solicitor's clerk. Club Essex Ladies. Coach Steve Longden. Career record at 400 metres hurdles: Olympic Games: 1988 — 5th; 1992 — 1st. World championships: 1991 — 5th. European championships: 1990 — 6th. Commonwealth Games: 1990 — 1st. Commonwealth champion at 100 metres hurdles in 1992.



Gunnell: golden smile

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Laughing cavaliers: Regis, right, and Christie after their 200 metres semi-final yesterday

## Grindley again goes well

FROM DAVID POWELL

DAVID Grindley, who kept Roger Black out of the 400 metres final by running a British record of 44.47sec in the semi-finals on Monday, acquitted himself well in the climax to the event, though his time slipped back to 44.75sec.

This gave him sixth position in the eight-man final, but only after he had gambled on a fast first 300 metres to come off the bend in fourth place.

Quincy Watts won the gold medal with the second fastest time in history, his 43.50sec establishing a new Olympic record. The world record belongs to Burch Reynolds, at 43.29sec.

Steve Lewis, the defending champion and Watts's compatriot from the United States, was second in 44.21sec. Watts turned to the 400 metres from

sprinting only last year. Britain's team management lost a bid to have Sale's Ann Williams reinstated for the semi-finals after a controversial heat of the 1,500 metres.

Williams, who crashed to the track in the Montjuic Stadium during the race, was later disqualified. Officials argued that the Sale runner should go through, despite the fact she did not finish the rough-and-tumble race. But their pleas failed to convince the appeal jury.

The track referee had ruled that Williams, who needed treatment to a spiked hand after her tumble, had been responsible for the crash which also sent Sweden's Maria Akra and the Italian, Fabia Trabaldo sprawling off the track. After a protest from

the Italian camp, the appeal jury decided Williams was to blame and that both Akra and Trabaldo should be put through to the next round.

Lisa Ondieki, the Australian who collapsed during the women's marathon she was expected to win, suspects her water bottles may have been spiked, according to reports in Australian newspapers.

Ondieki, who started Saturday's race as a gold medal favourite, claimed she could not be certain the bottles, which carried her race number, had not been tampered with.

She suffered from severe pains in her legs and stomach and felt weak and giddy. Tests revealed an irregular blood profile which she could not explain.

## Crowd jeers Skah ceremony

NOT since the 1968 Olympic Games has a medals ceremony in the athletics stadium caused such a storm of booing and whistling as that which greeted Khalid Skah, the winner of the 10,000 metres, last night (John Goodbody writes).

The 60,000 spectators began jeering from the moment the event was flashed up on the screen. Skah, from Morocco, had been disqualified and then reinstated as winner of the race, which was marked by the pacemaking of

his lapped compatriot, Hamrou Bouayeb.

However, the presence of Richard Chelimo, of Kenya, the silver medal winner, ended fears that his country might withdraw from the Games in protest at what it saw as an "injustice".

Although Skah waved and clapped his hands at the crowd, the jeering increased as Mohamed Benjelloun, a Moroccan member of the International Olympic Committee, presented the gold medal.

When Chelimo received his silver medal, the crowd changed to clapping and cheering. There was some further whistling during the playing of the Moroccan national anthem and this increased as the athletes left the stadium.

In Mexico City 24 years ago, the numerous American spectators whistled the ceremony of the 200 metres when Tommie Smith and John Carlos gave black power salutes on the podium.

## Gooch backed amnesty for Gatting

BY ALAN LEE

GRAHAM Gooch, the England captain, disclosed yesterday that he made a personal plea last month for the lifting of the international suspensions on Mike Gatting and his unauthorised team that toured South Africa in early 1990.

Gooch intervened before the annual meeting of the International Cricket Council at Lord's, at which the bans on the Englishmen were cut by half.

"I wrote a letter to Frank Chamberlain, the chairman of our board," Gooch said after practising for the final Cornhill Test at the Oval, which begins today. "I expressed my opinion that it was now appropriate for the bans to end and asked for my views to be made known."

Passionately though he believed in his call for an amnesty, Gooch may also have been driven by the desire to have a full-strength Eng-

land side at his command before he retires from the captaincy next year.

At the time, he was still wavering over his availability to tour India this winter, knowing that there would be no guarantee of regaining the captaincy against Australia next summer if he did not go. The attraction of having every player available, for the first time since he took on the job, was undoubtedly strong.

From October, Gooch will be able to consider Gatting, Neil Foster, Chris Broad and

John Emburey, among others, as he strives to establish his England side at the front of the Test match grid. He gave a due to his ambition yesterday when he said: "With a full complement of players to pick from, I think we can now compete with the very best in the world."

England have won ten and lost only six of 27 Tests under Gooch, who stands on the verge of another personal milestone. If he scores 72 runs at the Oval he will surpass Peter May's record for the

highest aggregate by any Englishman while captaining the side.

Gooch admitted yesterday that his left hand is still bruised and sore from the first-ball blow inflicted by Courtney Walsh a week ago. "But we all have these little niggles. We just have to play through them."

Derek Pringle or Tim Munton will be left out of England's 12 this morning and Gooch confirmed that Pringle, his Essex team-mate, is still not 100 per cent fit. "He has a thigh problem, a condition more than an injury," he said, perhaps indicating that Munton will claim the place.

Pakistan's hopes of claiming the series-winning victory were boosted when Aqib Javed came through a fitness test but they will make one change: Shoaib Mohammad replacing the disappointing Inzamam.

### MOST RUNS AS ENGLAND CAPTAIN

	Tests	INO	HS	Runs	Avg	100	50
P B H May	41	65	285	3080	54.03	10	15
G A Gooch	27	49	333	3009	64.02	9	14
E R Dexter	30	49	4	2427	53.93	4	17
D I Gower	32	55	3	2267	43.69	6	9
I Hutton	23	38	3	205	18.25	52.14	6
M C Cowdrey	27	45	0	155	17.15	38.11	6
W R Hammond	20	33	3	240	18.57	55.23	5
M W Gatting	23	39	4	183	15.42	44.05	5

## Double eludes Christie as Johnson fades

FROM DAVID POWELL IN BARCELONA

LINFORD Christie was unable yesterday to sustain his attempt at an Olympic sprint double. The 100 metres champion was eliminated in the semi-finals of the 200 metres but his demise was not the surprise of the round: Michael Johnson, the world champion and one of the biggest favourites of these Games, went out too.

Johnson had lost only once this season, though signs of weakness had been revealed with an unconvincing second-round run on Monday. Competing in the second semi-final yesterday, and with four athletes from each to qualify, he finished only sixth, in 20.78sec, a second slower than he ran in the United States trials.

"The only thing I can attribute it to is that I had some kind of virus on my last trip to Europe," Johnson said. "I was sick for about a week and lost 10lb. That sapped my strength. I felt in the early rounds that I was missing some of my sharpness."

Christie is probably resigned to losing his British record to John Regis in the final today. Regis would have improved Christie's mark of 20.09sec had he not eased down approaching the line. "There is obviously a bit more in there for the final," Regis, who equalled the mark, said.

Like Roger Black in the 400 metres on Monday, Christie would have reached the final had he not been drawn in the stronger semi-final. Christie's time of 20.38sec would have been good enough for second place in the second semi-final. In the first, it placed him fifth.

If the British record was there for Regis's taking, the world record was there for Mike Marsh, of the United States. Marsh, coming off the bend strongly and with a clear lead over the two Britons and Robson da Silva, of Brazil, eased up with ten metres to go and still recorded 19.73sec. The world record, set at altitude by Pietro Mennea, of Italy, in 1979, is 19.72. Marsh's time was an Olympic record.

Marsh, aged 25, now assumes the role of favourite, with Frankie Fredericks, of Namibia, the silver medal winner in the 100 metres, and Regis his most likely challengers. Marcus Adam will give Britain a second representative.

Kris Akabusi, the British record holder, reached today's final of the 400 metres hurdles with a polished semi-final, winning in 48.01sec, his fastest of the season and ahead of Stephane Diagana, of France. "I felt better today than I have for a couple of months," Akabusi, the world champion bronze medal winner from last year, said.

The two athletes ahead of Akabusi in Tokyo, Samuel Matete, of Tokyo, and Winthrop Graham, of Jamaica, were in the other semi-final. Graham won it with 47.62 but Matete is fortunate still to be involved.

Coming to the tenth and last hurdle, and running in the inside lane, Matete hit the hurdle in lane two with his trail leg. He lost his balance and nearly went down but had sufficient in hand, upon his recovery, to run on for third.

## Maradona's fitting entry

ONE of the additional pleasures at many big football events has been the presence of Pelé, whose natural grace and courtesy enhances his greatness as a player. The Olympic football tournament hardly deserves his presence — so perhaps the decision of Maradona to attend the final is more fitting. After all — if Ben Johnson can be welcomed back into the frame, why not Maradona?

The little genius is travelling with personal trainer, Javier Valdecantos, "because I don't want to miss a single day of training," in readiness for a move to Seville or Marseilles if his dispute with Naples is resolved satisfactorily. Fifa, it seems, is prepared to step in if Naples prove unyielding.

### Compromise

Even athletes have to discover one day that life is full of those little compromises — especially when sponsorship is involved. The "Dream Team" is one example. Reebok has sponsored the United States squad; several of the millionaire basketball players have individual deals with Nike.

Yesterday a compromise for the medal ceremony was reached — all 12 players will wear the official US Olympic Committee uniform — "but, in such a manner that does

not reveal any commercial identification," according to the American basketball president, Dave Gavitt. Effectively the six Nike contracted players, including Michael Jordan, Charles Barkley and John Stockton, will be able to cover up the Reebok identification marks but not display Nike symbols.

Nike might at last find that preferable to Seergey Bubka, the world pole vault record holder, who adorns their advertisements. Bubka was photographed in training wearing his prescribed Nike top — and Adidas shorts. Whoops.

### Gunshot start

Forget the athletics; today Karen Babb-Sprague brings a new dimension to the great Olympic sport of synchronised swimming. The Californian is pursuing her hopes of a gold medal on a routine designed to "express the spiritual side of cowboy life." It begins, you will be unsurprised to learn, with a loud gunshot. Ms Babb-Sprague then puts her imaginary gun into its holster and performs to the accompaniment of John Williams's *Cowboys* and Leonard Bernstein's ballet, *Rodeo*.

In contrast the Japanese

team have chosen music with regular mentions of "Barcelona" in it. Some people just don't play the game. "Of course it's deliberate," Ms Babb-Sprague said. "They do it to get the audience involved."

### Personality

After Linford Christie's gold medal, what odds on him becoming sports personality of the year? Coralis haven't opened a book yet, but they still place him narrowly behind Nigel Mansell for this year's title, if only because the last grand prize is in November, ensuring that Mansell is in the public eye when votes are being cast.

"If we were giving odds at the moment, I think Mansell would be 4-6, with Christie 5-4," said a Coralis spokesman.

### Video killing

The Iraqi team got off to a bad start when they made V for Victory signs at the opening ceremony, but Dr Saad Athami, the Iraqi chef de mission, insists they are enjoying good relations with everybody — except Kuwaitis and Saudis.

One wonders how he would respond to the news that the most popular video game here is *Desert Storm*, where the player pilots a helicopter with the aim of killing as many Iraqis as possible.

## Arsenal call in artists to draw the crowds

BY DENNIS SIGNY

THERE will be an army of 8,000 painted supporters cheering from a mural to be built on the North Bank used to be when Arsenal kick off the Premier League season against Norwich City on August 15.

Arsenal's unique paint-a-crowd is a 35ft-high, 140ft-long mural of the stand that is to be built on the North Bank. The painting shows supporters and crowd scenes, the cheering will be relayed across by amplification from the Clock End at the other side of the ground.

The scheme is the brainchild of David Dein, the Arsenal vice-chairman, and Ken Friar, the managing director. They had hoped that their ingenuity would be kept under wraps until the official launch a week tomorrow, but

news of the mural broke yesterday as Arsenal tried to recoup the £150,000 cost by selling advertising space to accompany it.

Chris O'Donnell, sales group head of More O'Ferrall, the advertising site agents, was called in to help with sponsorship and space-selling. Clients are lining up to take part.

The reconstruction of a packed stand with the amplified crowd noise will, Arsenal hope, compensate for the lack of atmosphere caused by the closure of the North Bank as part of Highbury's £22 million redevelopment.

George Graham, the Arsenal manager, said: "We have to move with the times. It is a positive step. There is nothing worse than playing against the background of a building site."



# Air strike could help Sarajevo but no general can promise success



WITH calls for outside intervention mounting each day, are the military planners in London, Washington and elsewhere guilty of being too pessimistic about the chances of stopping the slaughter? They overestimated Iraq's military capabilities; are they doing the same in assessing the risks in Bosnia?

Military planners always outline to their political masters the "worst case" scenario. In assessing Iraq's capabilities, the politicians were told of an army of one million men, many of them combat-proven from the Iran-Iraq war, armed with the largest array of Western and Soviet equipment in the Middle East. They were warned that President Saddam Hussein had chemical and biological weapons and might have a crude nuclear device.

On paper, the advice on Iraq's capabilities was sound. Indeed, it turned out that they underestimated the size of

Saddam's military infrastructure. Yet the Iraqis had neither the tactical expertise, the morale nor the training to make best use of their equipment to counter the massive show of force by the coalition.

On the face of it, the 56,000 former Serb federal troops and 14,000 Serb irregulars in Bosnia represent a ragtag army, some of them no better than undisciplined bandits armed with mortars. But this is not Iraq where, in spite of cunning camouflage tactics, it was difficult to conceal tanks and artillery in the desert from coalition bombers. In the forested hills around Sarajevo, the Serbs manning the howitzers and mortars are using the classic tactic of "shoot and scoot", vanishing once they have fired their rounds.

However, an air strike by American, British and French bombers could have an effect. Air Vice-Marshal Tony Mason, Air Secretary until his retirement three years ago,

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### Experts believe there could be no guarantee of a successful ground attack on Serb forces, Michael Evans writes

said: "Air strikes could reduce the weight of fire power delivered on the ground. Tanks cannot swiftly escape undetected, nor can heavy artillery if their original locations are known."

"For an attack to be successful, however, it must depend on accurate tactical intelligence (satellites) alone may be insufficient. That leads to a requirement for some men on the ground, perhaps drawn from special forces rather than conventional troops. Tactical intelligence could also identify and locate forward command and control posts, as well as arms caches and resupply."

Western air power alone

would not stop the fighting. Even guarding a humanitarian land corridor from the Croatian port of Split to Sarajevo, a distance of about 150 miles, would need a minimum of three divisions, a total of 45,000 troops, as well as constant air cover, supplied from American carriers in the Adriatic and from Nato bases in Italy, according to some experts.

A full-scale military operation to separate the warring factions has to be discounted, since there are no front lines between the different sides. In Northern Ireland, 20,000 troops face an enemy of about 400 IRA trained gunmen. How many more would be

needed to confront Serb guerrillas operating from the hills? But would a limited ground operation be effective? This is the big-bang solution: an outside force strikes hard in one area to frighten off the local combatants. This option could have worked, had it been taken last year when the fighting forces were less organised. Similarly, a large presence of peacekeepers at an earlier stage in the war might have acted as a deterrent.

Major General Julian Thompson, who commanded 3 Commando Brigade in the Falklands war in 1982, said he was against the big-bang option because there could be no guarantee of success.

"There are so many places involved in the fighting, so it would be a case of choosing one location, like Sarajevo, to mount a military operation. But just to seize the airport and control the (one-and-a-half-mile) road to the city would need a minimum of 50,000

troops and a properly defined command structure."

The risks arising from an operation to relieve Sarajevo are underlined by the topography of the area. An interventionist force would need to use the airport as the airhead from which to mount strikes by ground troops.

The airport has only a single runway, 8,530ft long, and is surrounded by hills of between 3,000ft and 4,000ft. Aircraft bringing in troops would have to run a Serb gauntlet of Sam 6 and Sam 7 missiles. Commanding the valley from the hills, the Serbs have 105mm and 155mm howitzers and 122mm multiple rocket launchers.

Generals like to guarantee success in a campaign, but there is no general in London or Washington who can promise success in Bosnia. An American army colonel said recently: "Yugoslavia is like two parts Lebanon and one part Vietnam."

## Democrats turn hawk to outmanoeuvre Bush on intervention

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

LESS than 90 days before the US presidential election the Yugoslav civil war is rapidly becoming one of the campaign's hotter political issues, and one that is playing right into the Democrats' hands.

With public outrage inflamed by shocking new pictures of Serbian atrocities and reports of concentration camps, the Democrats have swiftly reversed the damaging stereotype of the Republicans as hawks and themselves as doves. They are vociferously championing far tougher American action to stop the bloodshed and are painting the Bush administration's response as gutless and immoral.

Compounding Mr Bush's problems, the reports of concentration camps and "ethnic cleansing" have galvanised the Jewish lobby. "Is it pos-

sible that 50 years after the Holocaust the nations of the world, including our own, will stand by and do nothing, pretending we are helpless?" a coalition of American Jewish groups asked yesterday in a New York Times advertisement headlined "Stop the Death Camps".

The administration is still adamant that America will not intervene militarily beyond providing air protection for humanitarian relief efforts. Interviewed in yesterday's USA Today, President Bush said the lesson of Vietnam was "don't get bogged down in a guerrilla war where you don't know what the hell you're doing" and dismissed "the use of substantial American force in Yugoslavia".

But aware that even military protection for supply convoys might be vetoed by the United Nations relief agencies, the administration has stepped up its diplomatic efforts this week. It inspired Tuesday night's UN Security Council demand for the International Committee of the Red Cross to inspect the detention camps. It is pressing for adoption of a resolution authorising "all necessary means" to protect relief efforts. Also on Tuesday, via its Belgrade embassy, it delivered a private demarche on the camps to the Serbian government. The Bush camp can scarcely complain as it was the first to make Yugoslavia an issue. Last week Martin Fitzwater, White House spokesman, sought to disparage Mr Clinton's foreign policy credentials by calling his stand on Yugoslavia "reckless".

At that point Mr Clinton had gone no further than some administration officials and the concentration camp reports had yet to surface. Mr Fitzwater's statement is now seen as a tactical gaffe, of which the Democrats have taken full advantage.

On Tuesday both Mr Clinton and Al Gore, his running mate, demanded military action to close the camps if the Serbs refused a UN demand to do so. "If the horrors of the Holocaust taught us anything, it is the high cost of remaining silent and paralysed in the face of genocide," Mr Clinton said.

At an extraordinary congressional hearing that morning, Democrats flayed Tom Niles, assistant secretary of state for European affairs, for the administration's "appeasement" of Serbian oppressors as bad as Hitler's Nazis. He was accused of mounting "diplomatic garbage" in the face of appalling human suffering and of giving what one congressman called "the most weak-kneed, ill-considered presentation I've heard in 15 years in Congress".

Normally unflappable, Mr Niles left Capitol Hill shaken and furious, but he had not helped himself by backtracking on the State Department's apparent confirmation of the camps' existence the previous day. According to one official, the retraction was ordered because the pressure for action was becoming just too great.

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Time out: General Lewis MacKenzie, who has just ended duty as leader of the UN peace force in Sarajevo, described the situation there as worse, not better

## Aid chief calls for security zones

Brussels: Manuel Marín, the EC development commissioner responsible for the EC aid effort in Yugoslavia, yesterday called for security zones to be set up in Bosnia (Tom Walker writes).

Señor Marín said the Commission would study how aid can best be sent to the stricken republic while fighting continues. He called for a safer land corridor to ensure protected access to the proposed security zones.

Señor Marín also wants a fund to be set up to enable the other Yugoslav republics and

neighbouring countries to handle the growing number of refugees. "The exodus of refugees is already surpassing the capacities of Yugoslav republics that have already made an enormous effort," he said.

The Commission also revealed yesterday that, after Germany and Italy, Britain has given more money to help refugees fleeing the Yugoslav conflict than any other EC nation. According to the Brus-

sels figures, Britain had given £13.45 million. Germany has given £40.3 million and Italy £16.25 million. The most generous nation per capita has been Denmark, which has given £13.16 million, or about £2.63 per inhabitant.

In all, the EC states have given £222 million. The Group of 24 industrialised nations has given £300 million. By the end of the month, the EC will have sent more than 45,500 tons of food, medical and hygiene aid to Yugoslavia.

## Iran urges Islamic states to intervene

Iran has called for a meeting of Islamic nations to consider the use of force to aid their co-religionists in Bosnia, writes Michael Binyon, Diplomatic Editor

MUSLIM countries are beginning to rally to the support of their embattled co-religionists in Bosnia and are considering possible intervention to combat the Serbian onslaught there.

Tehran radio announced yesterday that Iran had called for a meeting of Islamic countries to consider the use of force in Bosnia because of the ineffectiveness of the UN sanctions against Serbia. Ali Akbar Velayati, the Iranian foreign minister, said in a letter to the secretary-general of the Organisation of Islamic Conference that Muslim countries should review their military capabilities to defend the oppressed Muslims of the region.

Last week Iranian newspapers called on Muslim countries to send artillery batteries to Bosnia. Muslims, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the spiritual leader, accused the West of condoning Serbian attacks on Muslims and urged Islamic countries to hurry to their defence.

Turkey, with strongly historical and geographical ties to the Balkans, is launching a fresh initiative to win United Nations support for military intervention to stop the fighting. Hikmet Cetin, Turkey's foreign minister, is to visit Britain, France, America and the United Nations headquarters to press for a security council resolution authorising the use of force.

On Tuesday he met Haris Silajdzic, the Bosnian foreign minister, who made Ankara his first stop on a tour of member states of the Islamic Conference. He promised to seek effective UN measures to end the fighting, and wants the security council to allow air strikes against Serbian artillery.

Turkey has offered to contribute troops to any international force to keep or impose peace in Bosnia. In June the foreign ministers of the Islamic Conference promised to support outside intervention if sanctions failed to deter the Serbs.

Turkey, which ruled Bosnia during the days of the Ottoman empire, accepted many Bosnian Muslims in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Today about a million of their descendants feel ties of kinship with Bosnia.

Until recently the Muslim world barely recognised the Bosnians as true Muslims because popular prejudice found it hard to believe that people of Slavic descent and

appearance were really of the same religion. This lack of recognition was heightened by the fact that so few Bosnians are religiously observant.

Many Muslim countries now feel uneasy at their earlier neglect of the Bosnians. Public opinion in several of them is increasingly portraying the fighting as a Christian-Muslim conflict, perceiving the West as siding with the Christian Serbs and Croats. Saudi Arabia has begun vigorously to champion their cause and has offered money to help the Muslims. It has not, however, offered to take in refugees.

Britain, as president of the European Community, has come under pressure to include Muslim representation in the international conference on Yugoslavia that opens three weeks from now. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secre-

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tary, was told of Muslim concern during his recent visit to Southeast Asia. Britain has consulted the Islamic Conference and may invite Saudi Arabia and other leading Islamic nations to London. Officials welcome the engagement of the Islamic world, hoping it will put further pressure on Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian leader.

Britain is also consulting closely with Washington on the Bush administration's proposals for a draft security council resolution to authorise force to protect humanitarian relief convoys. Officials insist this would not give carte blanche for Western forces to fight their way through the roadblocks; the aim was to give a legal framework to current UN action to protect its personnel and convoys. These nearly all include blue beret troops who are able to negotiate with local militia groups and give assurances that the convoys are not carrying arms or ammunition.

The American resolution may still run into opposition in the security council, especially from countries such as China, which are nervous about the precedent of using force in what they consider a country's internal affairs.

Britain, however, wants quick action to show that the international community is not standing by while the fighting increases. Officials yesterday reiterated the government's horror and repugnance "at the latest brutalities in Sarajevo."

## Clashes force UN to rethink role

FROM KURT SCHORK IN SARAJEVO

UNITED NATIONS peacekeepers threatened to pull out of Sarajevo yesterday as Muslim and Serb forces threw tanks, rockets and artillery into a fierce battle for the Bosnian capital.

"There comes a time when we have to assess the situation. I guess that time comes now," Mik Magnusson, a United Nations spokesman, said after the fierce fighting forced the closure of Sarajevo airport for relief flights.

A senior Bosnian commander said Muslims and Serbs had launched simultaneous offensives. The worst clashes were on Trebevic mountain, a forest-clad ridge overlooking the city. Rockets streamed into the ridge-line and mortars hit the lower slopes, along with occasional bursts of artillery shells.

Mr Magnusson said: "We have had one man killed and six badly injured (in the past few days)," he said. "We cannot go on indefinitely. If the level of violence continues, it will seriously endanger us doing our mission. The (UN) people here are not quitters. We want to go on."

General Philippe Morillon, a UN officer dispatched to Sarajevo to discuss prospects for reopening of the airport could not find an aircraft to fly

there because the UN could not afford the insurance.

The latest upsurge of fighting indicated a decisive effort by Muslims to break a four-month siege while Serb forces intensified efforts to capture the city. They fought artillery duels during the night in some of the fiercest fighting for weeks. The town, the Borajce area and the devastated Dobrinja district near the airport were all shelled.

Sjépan Siber, a Croat deputy commander of Bosnian forces said: "Our side and the Serb side have launched offensives against each other at the same time." He estimated that 8,000 Muslims and Croats and up to 5,000 Serbs, who have the advantage of occupying the high ground around Sarajevo, were involved in the fighting.

A Serb advance has swallowed 70 per cent of Bosnian soil, leaving the Bosnian commander pleading for outside help. "I don't understand why the world does not blockade the weapons and ammunition sent to Serbian forces from Serbia and Montenegro. They have reserves here which they haven't begun to use yet," Mr Siber said. (Reuters).

## Gaidar loses credit as Russian economy flounders

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

President Yeltsin of Russia began his summer holiday in the Black Sea resort of Sochi yesterday, turning his back on a gathering storm within his administration over the guiding principles of reform.

Headlines in the reformist press lamented what it saw as the "end of the Gaidar government era", while representatives of the powerful lobby which represents state industries issued a warning on television of imminent economic collapse if the government did not slow, or even freeze, its reforms.

The immediate issue is whether the government should approve huge sums in credit to bail out heavily indebted state enterprises. The radicals, of whom Yegor

Gaidar, the acting prime minister, is the leading representative, argued that state industries should have to compete for credits alongside other claimants and should be granted them only if they could use them to advantage. Otherwise, they said, inflation



Gaidar: issued warning over eternal subsidies

would run out of control and Russia would be back in the land of eternal state subsidies — the very state which January's price liberalisation was supposed to have ended.

The industrial lobby, headed by Arkady Volysky of the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs and backed by a broad coalition of political groups, argued that unless state enterprises are halted out collapse and mass unemployment threaten, followed by widespread social unrest and "catastrophe". Among adherents to that view are Aleksandr Rutskoi, Russia's vice-president.

At the end of last week, Viktor Geraschenko, the new head of the Russian central bank, sent a widely publicised telegram granting

credits to state enterprises to cancel outstanding inter-enterprise debts. The money will be placed in special accounts earmarked for the payment of outstanding debts and is not to be used to pay wages.

Even so, the move was interpreted as a defeat for Mr Gaidar and a victory for Mr Volysky. Only a week before, Andrei Nekhayev, the Gaidarite economics minister, had said that the government would never cancel inter-enterprise debts, estimated at nearly one thousand billion roubles.

Mr Yeltsin himself appears straddled uncomfortably between the two views. Instinctively, he appears to favour Mr Gaidar's no-nonsense radicalism and preference for sound money.

At the same time, however, he appears to appreciate that if Mr Volysky and his vice-president are right, all the progress made in reform so far might easily be lost.

The conflict over credits is but one aspect of a more fundamental disagreement within Mr Yeltsin's administration which stems from the compromises he was forced to make in April. These included "adjustments" to the policy of rapid reform which would increase social spending.

Mr Nekhayev predicted this week that the central bank's telegram on enterprise debts would soon be overturned. If it is not, the radicalism of Mr Gaidar's team is probably a lost cause.

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## Albania gets computer boost

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

STARVING people in Albania, Europe's poorest country, will be greeted by a strange sight on Saturday: a European Community relief bus carrying not food but an office computer system, typewriters, a photocopier, fax machine and a conference table.

The bus may bring little solace to the hungry in Tirana, but the Law Society of England and Wales, whose Brussels office has arranged the shipment, says that a functioning legal system is vital if Albania is to win foreign business and foreign currency. Albania has very few lawyers, which makes arranging contracts extremely difficult.

"It's not going to solve the problem, but it's a start," said David Keating, a Harlepool solicitor and chairman of the

British-Albanian Law Association, founded last autumn. Mr Keating visited the country with Law Society colleagues in April and assessed with justice ministry officials where help could be given. Whereas in Britain there are about 60,000 lawyers for 55.5 million people, in Albania there are about 120 for a population of about 3.5 million. Under the communist regime of Enver Hoxha, the legal profession was banned.

The office equipment on board the EC bus comes from British law firms in Brussels. It will be accompanied by a law society official and several European Commission functionaries. The bus will go via Trieste, in Italy, from where it will be ferried under Italian military escort to Tirana.

As well as sending legal text books to Albania, the British-Albanian Law Association is arranging exchange visits to give Albanian lawyers experience. "They need to be able to put practical paragraphs in agreements," declared Mr Keating.

The bus is the first wave of an EC aid effort to Albania costing £20 million. To help Tirana's chronic public transport problems, the Commission has bought 35 buses from the Brussels transport service. Twenty have already been driven to Tirana and 15 will leave next month, accompanied by Belgian mechanics. The Commission will also be sending 129 typewriters, 81 word processors and three offset printing machines to the Albanian government.



## Clancy's millions

Philip Howard ponders a record book advance

Writers feel whatever is the opposite to *Schadenfreude* when the latest record-breaking advance royalty is announced by a publisher to one of their scribbling trade. Congratulatory envy, I suppose, is the name for the feeling. Of course, it is marvellous that a writer should be paid so much, and it dignifies the literary profession in the measure of the market place, which usually values other things more than books. But can any new book really be worth so many times more in real terms than Shakespeare, Goethe, Dante, Racine and Cervantes as a team earned from their entire oeuvre? More to the point, why should his rotten book earn a thousand times more than any advance my dozy publisher has ever offered me?

The news that Tom Clancy is to be paid \$14 million (£7.3 million) for his next thriller, claimed by his agent to be the biggest advance ever paid for a single book, has sent shivers of pleasurable mortification through the scribbling classes. His advance covers only North American rights for the book, called *Without Remorse*, and makes Clancy the Madonna of the bookish world, a property so hot that it is worth paying any price to keep him.

That at least seems to be the view of Clancy's publisher, Berkeley Putnam, now in Japanese ownership. And there may be more truth than poetry in this view, since two of Clancy's previous bestsellers, *The Hunt for Red October* and *Patriot Games* both became hit films, the crock of gold at the end of the brainbow that beckons many scribblers to live laborious days at the word processor. *Patriot Games* is now playing in nearly a thousand American cinemas, and has already grossed \$76 million (£39.5 million).

The previous biggest advance to a writer is said to be £20 million, paid in 1989 to the fleshcreeper Stephen King for his next four books. Jeffrey Archer was said by himself to have been paid £10.4 million for three books in 1990. Two years before that, Jackie Collins was reported to have signed an £8.7 million contract for three books for Simon & Schuster. The previous biggest advance for a single book was \$5 million, for *Whirlwind*, to James Clavell at auction in New York City in 1986. But for most doers per written word to complete a sentence in a competition for Plymouth Cars and won \$500 a month for the rest of her life. Before less well-paid writers start hurling themselves from attic windows, there are some simple points to remember.

First, writers, their agents and publishers, like other exhibitionist trades, tend to exaggerate their earnings. This boosts their self-esteem and encourages the glib public to suppose there must be something more than meets the eye in their work. Always divide the earnings claimed by celebs by at least three. Second, the books that earn most are always going to be entertainment for the masses, which can be filmed. There is nothing ignoble in entertaining the masses, but it is bound by definition to be populist hamburger and tomato ketchup rather than smoked salmon.

Third, bestsellers are not necessarily the best books. The works of Stalin sold or distributed 652,058,000 copies in 101 languages. More than 800 million copies of *Quotations from the Works of Mao Tse Tung* were sold or distributed. Barbara Cartland claims to have sold more than 600 million copies of 540 titles in 25 languages. These are all no doubt admirable works. But none of them is actually readable. Fourth, if your publisher will not pay you an advance of £7 million, or even any advance at all, the correct response is to say: "Damn him. I shall write for posterity."

Fifth, writing is difficult, professional and enjoyable work. The talent of writing for a mass audience, and so earning squillions in advances, is rare indeed. Most authors write for themselves and their friends, and if anyone else reads it, that is a bonus. Sixth, some books are undeservingly forgotten. No bestsellers are undeservingly remembered. And very few have a long shelf-life than the mainly fictional of the hyped film of the month. Finally, Tom Clancy says he does not know what to do with his windfall of £7 million: "I've got everything I want already." Well, sod him.

Lady Thatcher is wrong. The West cannot stop a Balkan bloodbath, argues Conor Cruise O'Brien

## Only fools step in

As we follow the sickening news from Sarajevo, it is natural we should want the criminals who fire on a busload of orphans, and then on those who mourn the children, to be punished and prevented from committing any further atrocities. Last night Lady Thatcher called for military aid to Bosnia to stop "an even greater catastrophe". Other distinguished people, including Lord Owen on this page on Tuesday, have called for military intervention. The calls are prompted by the horrors of ethnic cleansing conducted by both Serbs and Croats — and by the spectacle of the apparent impotence of the West.

Unfortunately, military intervention in this region would make a ghastly situation even worse. Resistance to the intervening forces would be intense. Not only would the casualties among these forces themselves be heavy but the civilian casualties and the number of refugees would rise to far higher levels than they have yet reached.

The Serbian and Croat invaders of Bosnia, could not be

defeated by air-power alone. Ground forces would have to be committed in large numbers and heavily armed. If adequately supported, these forces could no doubt defeat the regular armies of Serbia and drive them out of the areas they now occupy illegally. But when this was achieved, the troubles of the intervention forces would only be beginning.

Here, a comment of Lord Carrington is grimly relevant. He pointed out that during the second world war the Yugoslav resistance held down 36 German divisions for four years, and were undefeated at the end. Both Serb and Croat fighting-men are as fearless as they are ferocious. There can be no doubt that they would fight as fierce a guerrilla war against the western invaders (as they would see them) as they did against the Germans. And the western interveners would not have the

same resources in dealing with the guerrillas as the Nazis did. German troops were empowered to inflict collective reprisals, wiping out whole villages believed to have harboured or helped the guerrillas. Even collective reprisals did not defeat the rebels, but they did keep down the level of German casualties, which was the effect intended. Casualties would be correspondingly higher among the western forces, lacking such draconian power.

The guerrilla war would continue as long as the western occupation did. It is a safe bet that the occupiers would get tired of the war of attrition long before the locals did. Former Yugoslavia, like Afghanistan and Lebanon, is full of people who enjoy killing people, and don't mind risking their own lives in pursuit of their favourite pastime. Regular forces cannot cope with people like that. The

Russians had to get out of Afghanistan. The Americans had to get out of Lebanon. And the western powers would have to get out of former Yugoslavia.

When those who authorized the intervention — whether the United Nations, Nato, Western European Union, or a combination of all these — decided they had had enough and started to withdraw, they would no doubt announce "mission accomplished", as the Americans did when they started to withdraw from Vietnam. But in reality no mission would have been accomplished. Serbs, Croats, Bosnian Muslims — and probably Kosovo Albanians as well — would all be at one another's throats again, fighting over the same disputed lands, with all the old ferocity. The western soldiers who died to bring peace to Yugoslavia would have died in vain, just as did the American soldiers who died to save South

Vietnam from communism.

Western governments are aware, through their military and diplomatic advisers, what a military intervention in former Yugoslavia would involve. They know that while a decision to intervene would be widely welcomed, as soon as the price of intervention became known. These politicians are not going to go down that path. I don't blame them for that. I do blame them for seeking to give the peoples of former Yugoslavia from themselves. The idea that you can stamp out local civil wars by weighing in with greater outside force is an illusion.

The possibility of another kind of military intervention, not open to the same objections (but perhaps to other ones) is raised by Iran's call for Islamic intervention or support of Bosnian Muslims. This might lead to

appeals from Serbs and Croats for western forces to defend their territory against Islamic aggression, but not yet.

The fighting in former Yugoslavia will not be ended by outside intervention. It will end — or at least wind down — only as a result of internal factors: war-weariness, of which there are already signs in Serbia, and territorial satiation, the feeling on the part of the various "ethnic cleansers" that they have acquired as much territory as they can safely exploit. When the fighting does die down, Serbia, which has received almost all the blame, but should have shared some with the Croats, will no doubt wish to repair its relations with the outside world, so that there will be some room for diplomatic leverage. But most of the refugees will still be unable to return to their former homes.

There is nothing the West can do other than provide humanitarian aid. That is pretty tame, I know. But military intervention would only deepen and extend their sufferings, and add to them those of our own soldiers, dying in vain.

## Who will run South Africa?

This week's marches and strikes are all about the struggle for ultimate power within the black community, writes R.W. Johnson

The African National Congress has hailed its two-day general strike, and its march led by Nelson Mandela to the heart of white power in Pretoria yesterday, as a resounding victory and evidence of massive popular support for its cause. True, only about 10 per cent of workers went to work in Johannesburg, Pretoria or Port Elizabeth, perhaps 25 per cent in Durban and 40 per cent in Cape Town. But whether this was evidence of popular support for the ANC is far more debatable. For the mechanics of such stayaways have become wearisome familiar in South Africa.

Black township dwellers are dependent on buses, taxis and trains to get to work, so gangs of "comrades", usually armed with knives and petrol bombs, picket railway stations and bus and taxi stops. In addition roadblocks manned by armed militants are set up on most of the roads out of a township. Bus and taxi owners withdraw their vehicles from service rather than have them petrol-bombed and only the hardiest blacks will risk the railway stations. The result is a complete transport shutdown.

The Inkatha leader, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, fiercely opposed the stayaway and so deep within Zululand many buses did run. Even they were taking their chances though — two buses were petrol-bombed and three drivers shot dead. Since the weekend 42 people, including two policemen, have died in what are termed here "unrest-related incidents".

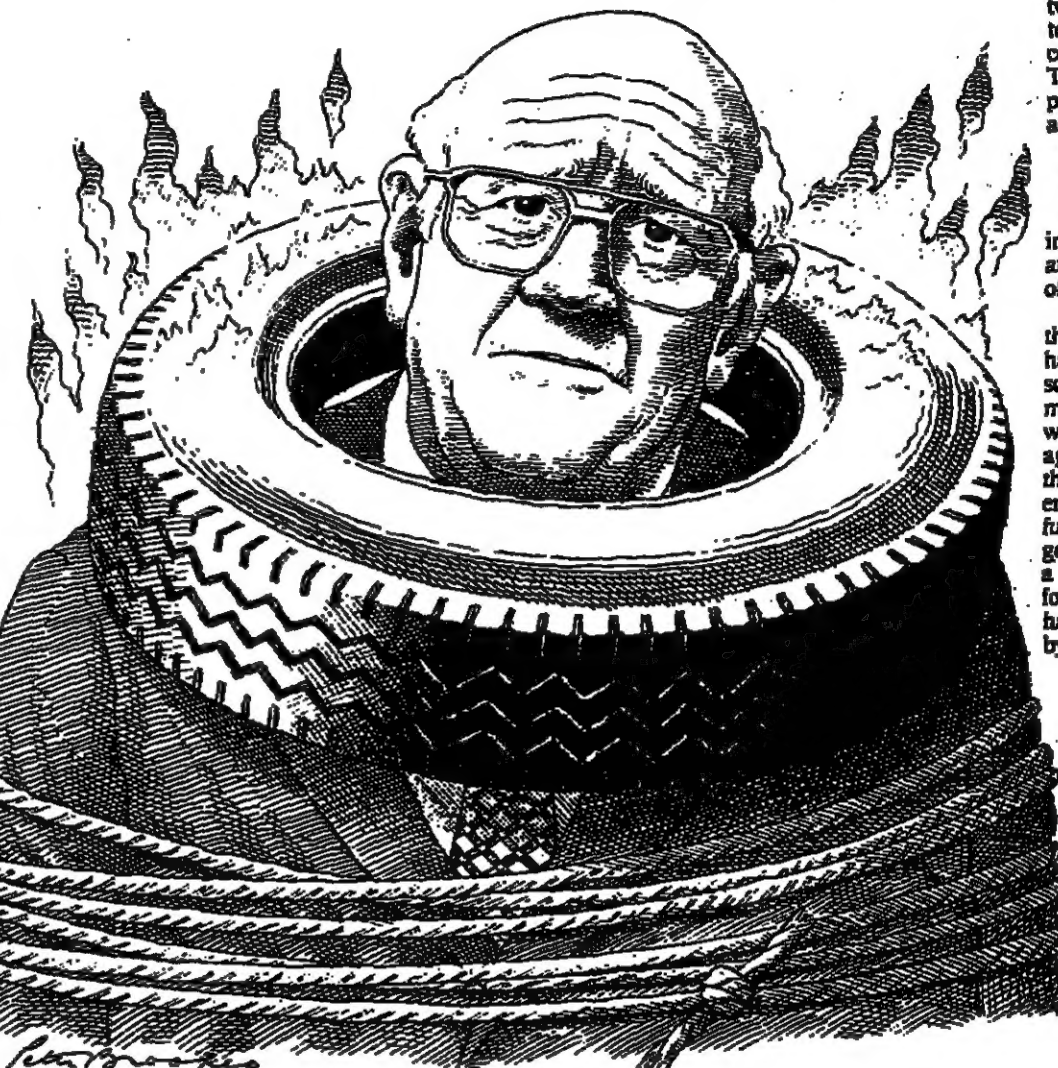
But violence and lawlessness are such standard features of the stayaways that quite often other scores will be settled under the cover of the strike. Thus 11 dead bodies, including those of a

mother and her two-year-old child, were found at Empangeni on Monday. The assassination nearby of a leading Inkatha official has led to speculation about an ANC hit squad, but nobody really knows.

To talk of intimidation as a factor in such a strike is almost obvious. No one needs to intimidate most township dwellers now into observing stayaway calls for the simple reason that they were intimidated long ago. All have heard of, and many will actually have seen, alleged strike breakers having their houses petrol-bombed or being hacked to death or necklaced. For most a stayaway is simply a time of terrible trouble and danger when you stay locked in your house and do not risk going into the street, let alone into work.

For those lucky enough to have jobs there is usually a desperate attempt at private negotiation with employers along the lines of "I'll get killed if I try to work on Monday or Tuesday, so I'll work Saturday and Sunday instead." Such pre-emptive arrangements have reached an all-time high on this occasion, and they have become part of the ANC's planning too, without doubt influencing the decision to restrict the strike to two days.

This is not to say that the ANC has no popular support for its mass action — indeed one of the chief arguments for such a tactic is that it has brought the ANC back into an oppositional solidarity with the township militants (many of them the unemployed young) who had become increasingly disaffected with the remote and laborious compromise politics of constitutional negotiation.



But enthusiastic ANC support is currently in very short supply. Over the last two weekends the ANC's mass action demonstrations attracted an overall turnout across the whole country of just 20,000 on July 25 falling to only 14,000 on August 1.

The real test of popular support came yesterday when ANC crowds attempted to occupy city centres and bring all the main roads to a halt. The results were variable with only small turnouts in many centres, though Mr Mandela's march to the seat of government, the Union Buildings in Pretoria, seems to

have attracted the full 70,000 people the ANC had hoped for. Alarmed by the fact that they had to call off a march a fortnight ago when only 400 people turned up, this time they laid on free bus and train transport and seemed to have pulled off a considerable organisational success.

The real battle over mass action has been going on inside the ANC. Mass action is the favoured tactic of the communist party (SACP), and the trade union federation, Cosatu. The latter was bitterly upset at its exclusion from the constitution-

al negotiations, while the SACP was uncomfortably aware that if negotiations were smoothly concluded there would be an easy consensus to exclude its hardliners from the interim government. Accordingly, Cosatu's secretary general, Jay Naidoo, began threatening a general strike months ago, long before negotiations broke down, and the communists have clearly hoped to use mass action to force the transition to an interim government on terms which would facilitate their own participation in it.

Mass action thus saw these

two groups take control, much to the evident anxiety and discomfort of ANC moderates. The failure to generate real popular enthusiasm for mass action has been a considerable setback for the trade union and communist hardliners.

The ANC moderates now seem poised to regain the initiative and lead the organisation back into a further round of negotiations.

The ANC will no doubt claim that it returns to talks with its hand strengthened. This is to some extent true. The movement has renewed its contact with township militants and has again shown its power to threaten the country's government. It has also forced further concessions from the government and it has brought a United Nations monitoring force into play. On the other hand, the ANC is clearly shaken by its own internal divisions and may, for the first time, have received a salutary reminder of how quickly it can exhaust popular enthusiasm if it begins to take its own platform rhetoric for reality. Worse, as the SACP chief, Chris Hani, acknowledges, the movement has seen its armed self defence units running amok. Mr Mandela and the ANC leadership are now in open disagreement with their regional leaders in the Eastern Cape, with SACP insurgents and with the leader of the Transvaal

civic organisations over the question of a mortgage boycott. Mass action and the atmosphere it has engendered, have seen the ANC itself experience the same threat of destabilisation and ungovernability that it was trying to inflict on others. It seems possible, in a word, that the ANC leadership has learnt that mass action is no more a viable alternative to negotiations than its "armed struggle" was. If so, a huge collective sigh of relief will be heard right round the country.

Bernard Levin is on holiday.



...and moreover  
**CRAIG BROWN**

Matthew Parris has written that the method he applies to judge the character of a politician is to ask whether or not he would connive in a Nazi administration. My own test is rather more straightforward: does the politician boast of supporting a football team? If so, I mark him down as a wrong 'un.

Among the higher echelons of British life, there is an awful tendency to profess a passionate enthusiasm for sport, particularly soccer. Soccer boardrooms are stuffed with bigwigs — Robert Maxwell springs to mind — who believe that an association in the public mind between themselves and soccer will add an elusive note of mateship to their otherwise rather machievellian CVs. As Lawrie McMenemy once observed, "There's so much class in our boardroom, that some of them call the Queen 'mate'."

Of course there must be one or two politicians with a genuine love of such a silly sport. President Canaan Banana of Zimbabwe was probably one of them. At the beginning of 1983, he fulfilled a lifelong ambition by passing a string of exams to become a fully qualified football referee. Perhaps our own politicians and captains of industry might in future be subjected to similarly rigorous exams to prove the wholeheartedness of their attachment to the game. Ever since Harold Wilson credited the 1966 Labour victory to England's World Cup win (impossible, of course), rather

too many politicians have discovered a previously undetected zest for soccer.

Church leaders should also be subject to stringent examinations. Rare is the Church of England bishop who is prepared to admit an indifference to soccer. So scared are most of them of appearing nambypamby that they rush to support whatever team is going. On New Year's Eve, the Archbishop of Canterbury placed himself in my black book when his pastoral message at midnight contained the following statement: "One of my wishes for the New Year is that Arsenal will win the Cup."

After the church, authorship is widely regarded as the soporific profession. Writers such as Hemingway and Mailer have taken extravagant steps to contradict this belief, but somehow their efforts have always rung hollow. Both Hemingway on bullfighting and Mailer on boxing remind me of those boys at my prep school who would daintily dab mud on their knees before taking to the pitch, thus sparing themselves any need to acquire a reputation for heartiness through more exhausting means.

And the knee-dabbing goes on. In the most recent issue of the literary magazine *Cape*, the ludicrous American author Harold Brodkey writes a piece called *Meditations upon an Athlete: You are pretty much openly an animal self, anaesthetised and enlarged and violently awake, play after play, bogglingly, tremblingly, strainingly aware.*

He goes on to examine the metaphysics of sport: "Nothing we do occurs outside of time but must happen now in a split second, a second split to an extraordinary bit of a now in a reality around us which is hardly timeless in its least part," adding, "this truth is what we secretly and silently learn and study and adore in sports."

In recent years, British intellectuals have proved themselves more than a match for Brodkey and Mailer. One of the funniest books of 1992 so far is *The Faber Book of Soccer*, which includes Sir Freddie Ayer writing on *Spurs for The New Statesman* in 1961 ("Against a team of artists like Real Madrid, their own artistry should flourish", though not, alas, Arthur Hopcraft on George Best in *The Observer* in 1972 ("He is an intensely private person... Best is a consummation of brilliance, uncertainty, wilfulness, vulnerability, callousness").

One of my favourite extracts comes from Professor Karl Miller, writing on *Gazza* in the *London Review of Books* in July 1990. "He was a highly charged spectacle on the field of play: fierce and comic, formidable and vulnerable, urchin-like and wait-like, a strong head and torso with comparatively frail-looking breakable legs, strange-eyed, pink-faced, fair-haired, tense and upright, a prairie monolith in the Mediterranean sun..." How much more pertinent would have been an article on Karl Miller penned by *Gazza*.

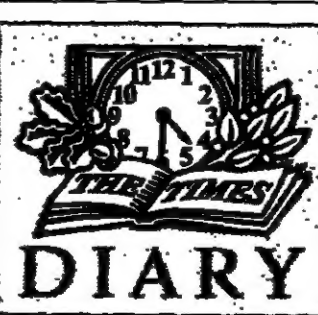
## I remember it well

WHILE Baroness Thatcher toils over her memoirs and the fate of Bosnia on her Gstaad holiday, two of her former lieutenants, Nigel Lawson and Cecil Parkinson, are competing to be first on the bookshelves with their version of the Thatcher years. Parkinson, who unlike Lawson is still part of the charmed Thatcher inner circle, appears to have won.

His book, *An Autobiography: Cecil Parkinson* right at the centre, will be published on October 1, only days before the start of the Tory party conference in Brighton. With Europe, the ERM and the economy likely to dominate a difficult conference, John Major will not welcome the frank memoirs of one of his forerunners' closest aides, especially as Parkinson intends to break his silence on the Sara Keays affair and give his version of the events which led to his dramatic resignation at the party conference nine years ago.

Diane Rowley, publicity director for Weidenfeld, Parkinson's publisher, says: "He refers to the affair and talks about it in the context of his resignation from the government. He could hardly have avoided the subject in an autobiography." With a reputed advance fee of £100,000, Parkinson will also spill the beans on his days as PPS to Michael Heseltine and his student membership of the Labour party.

Nigel Lawson has been paid £200,000 in advance for his book, which is likely to make uncomfortable reading for the Thatcherites. He has just completed a rough draft, which was delivered this week to his agent, Michael Sissons. Lawson is expected to complete the work when he returns from holiday, but hopes of



an October 1 publication are fading. Sissons says of the Lawson book: "It is an extraordinarily frank book, which I am confident is going to be a bestseller."

Lord Howe is also expected to publish his memoirs before the end of the year. Unlike his resignation speech, the book is expected to cause few waves on the political pond, which is why it has taken Howe so long to find a publisher. Lord Gilmour, the first cabinet minister to be sacked by Margaret Thatcher, is also publishing his memoirs in the autumn.

For those who prefer a lighter read, *Screaming Lord Such's* autobiography, *Life as Such*, is published in paperback today by Fontana. Neil Kinnock, who is said to have ruled out a book, may yet be tempted by the prospect of a fat advance.

probably end up with the same percentage vote as us," says Ashdown of the *Bosnian Liberals*, "but they will have a much larger share of seats".

## Comic strip

ALAN CURTIS, the commentator and radio personality, who will be launching into his opening patter for the Test Match at the Oval today, is still recovering from last month's jolly to America, where he acted as compère at a ball in California, paradise island for the rich and famous.

Curtis was invited to help celebrate the 100th birthday of Hal Roach, the doyen of Hollywood and friend of Laurel and Hardy.



Unfortunately, Roach failed to make it to his own party. On the eve of the bash, the millionaire centenarian persuaded two of his younger acquaintances, Tony Carruso and Tony Hawes (who is married to Stan Laurel's daughter, Lois) to escort him to a strip joint in Las Vegas. "The stripper rather overdid it, and Hal nearly died on the spot," says Curtis. "So his doctor told him that Catalina was out of the question."

● A variation of the don't-mention-the-war tale was told by Glynis Kinnock when she took her turn in the Psychiatrist's Chair on Radio 4 yesterday. When she returned to her teaching post in Ealing after April 9, she found that the headmistress had warned the school to avoid the subject of the election. Within minutes of her arrival, however, a seven-year-old pupil came up to her and said: "Don't worry miss. You did come second."

## Happy returns

KREMLIN LEADERS have always been creatures of habit, but there are fears in the Politburo that Boris Yeltsin may be taking tradition too far in timing his holiday to coincide so exactly with the anniversary of Mikhail Gorbachev's ill-fated summer break last year. The Russian president began his holiday on Tuesday and will return to Moscow on August 19 — a year to the day after Gorbachev failed to return, and was replaced by an "emergency committee".

The holiday is a deliberate attempt by Yeltsin to lay to rest the ghost of the coup once and for all. But history has already forced one change. The sumptuous presidential villa at Foros in the Crimea now belongs to independent Ukraine, and Yeltsin has wisely chosen to go instead to Sochi, one of the few southern resorts that belong to Russia.

● Linford Christie may care to know that the Union Jack he borrowed from an adoring fan was handmade by a group of youngsters in Asot for their trip to the Olympics. They were delighted when Christie snatched it from their hands. Natalie Andrews, who helped sew the flag, says: "I have recorded the moment on video. I hope it brings him luck."